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HEADING FOR WAR?

CHINA ANSWERS SOVIET ULTIMATUM.

ANTI-RUSSIAN ACTIVITY AND C.E.R. SEIZURE DEFENDED.

ATTITUDE UNCHANGED.

China's reply to the Soviet Ultimatum, which expires today, was despatched at midnight. The Russian demands for restitution of their rights on the Chinese Eastern Railway are ignored. The National Government defends the action of the Manchurian authorities, stating that the arrests and the seizure were necessary for the maintenance of order.

Two demands, which are stated to be other than counter-demands are made on the Soviet Government.

While the Ultimatum hangs over China, Chang Hsueh-liang is continuing his anti-Soviet activities on the C.E.R. The Library and the Dalbank have been closed.

Chinese troops are being sent to the borders, and it is learned from Japanese sources that Russian forces are preparing to move.

SOVIET TROOPS READY TO MOVE.

Tokyo, July 17.

From authoritative sources in Harbin, it is learned that the Chinese pressure on Soviet institutions in Manchuria connected with the Chinese Eastern Railway still continues.

The Chinese Eastern Railway's Library has been closed down, the place subjected to an extensive search and all Communist literature has been reduced to ashes.

The local branch of the Dalbank has also been closed.

M. Serebriakov, delayed.

According to a telegram received by the Chinese Eastern Railway officials, M. Serebriakov, whose arrival was expected to assist in a satisfactory solution of the controversy, has been delayed owing to the hesitancy of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at Moscow to visa his passport.

It was stated yesterday in a cable from Moscow that the Chinese official in charge at Moscow had declined to visa the passport without instructions from Nanking.

Consulate Staff Leaves.

In the meantime, the staff of the Soviet Consulate-General has been trained from Manchuria.

Three brigades of Chinese troops are reliably reported to have arrived at the border near Manchuria, and that they are facing the Soviet troops at Dauria, though no clashes are reported so far.

Soviet Troops Moving.

Though it would seem that the Soviet Government is not mobilising, it is reported that troops now stationed at Nikolai, which is about fifty miles to the North of Vladivostok and a lesser distance from the eastern border of Manchuria, are preparing to move.

The main Soviet forces, however, are concentrated near Blagoveshensk, on the north-east border of Manchuria, near Argun (Heilungkiang). This is the section in which the Chinese defence is weakest.—*Reuter*.

Moscow, July 16.

M. Serebriakov's journey to Harbin has been cancelled till China has answered the Soviet ultimatum.—*Reuter*.

CHINA'S REPLY.

Nanking, July 17.

It is officially announced that at midnight, the Foreign Office cabled a Note to the Acting Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, to be handed to the Commissariat for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R. in reply to the Soviet ultimatum.

The Note states at the outset that the Chinese Charge d'Affaires will be leaving Nanking shortly as a plenipotentiary empowered to discuss all matters with the Soviet Foreign Commissary.

The Note adds that the Chinese Government and the Chinese people have always had a friendly

KOWLOON TONG'S "PROTEST."

MR. BRAGA QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT.

A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INVITED.

PERTINENT POINTS.

Some pertinent points relating to the Kowloon Tong Scheme are embodied in a series of questions which the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga will ask at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, as a result of the recent "protest meeting," held by the Subscribers.

Mr. Braga asks whether it was considered prudent to vest in a Company the absolute control of a scheme involving nearly three million dollars when its only visible capital was a sum of \$2,000, and pointing out certain facts regarding the financial arrangements, asks if the Government will appoint a Commission of Enquiry to investigate and report on the scheme. The full list of questions to be asked by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, is as follows:—

1. What are the respective dates and amounts of the premium paid for Crown land leased to the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Co., Ltd., under Clause 5 subsections (a), (b) and (c) of the Agreement dated 20th October, 1922, between the Government and the Company?

2. Is it a fact that there is still owing by the Company to the Government a sum of \$18,450.14 as the balance of land premium?

Explanation Sought.

3. In view of the fact that about six-tenths of the estimated total cost of land and building is paid by each of the 242 subscribers to the Scheme upon his signing the Agreement with the Company, and before any actual work is commenced, what is the explanation for the large sum stated in Question 2 being still unpaid to Government in respect of land premium?

4. Has the Government knowledge of a circular letter, dated 2nd July, 1929, issued over the signature of the Managing Director in which the sum of \$2,990.258.49 is stated as the sum "which represents the total amount payable by the entire body of Subscribers under their respective Agreements in respect of all the houses embraced within the Scheme," i.e., the Kowloon Tong Estate Scheme?

Managing Director's Post.

5. Is it a fact that the signatory of the letter referred to in Question 4 besides being the Managing Director of the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Co., Ltd., is also the paid architect of the said Company and a Director of the Hongkong Excavation Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd., with which the Contract for the carrying out of the scheme has been entered into by the Kowloon Tong Company?

6. Between the period when the last Managing Director left the Colony early in 1928 and the appointment of the present incumbent to the office on 22nd May, 1929, is it not true that no Managing Director existed, and this being the case to whom did the Government look for the fulfillment of the Agreement of 1922 during that period?

Company's Nominal Capital.

7. Was the Government cognisant of the fact that for the carrying out of a scheme involving in the end a sum of nearly \$3,000,000 (irrespective of the Government share) there was registered a Company with a capital limited to a liability of only \$20,000 of which not more than \$2,000 was actually paid up?

8. Was it considered prudent to vest in a Company the right and power of absolute control of a scheme involving a few million dollars in its execution when its only visible capital was a sum of \$2,000 with shares paid up to the extent only of 10 cents each?

Government Supervision?

9. Was any and what Government supervision exercised over the Company in the carrying out of the Company's obligations to

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24-HOUR SUPPLY FOR KOWLOON.

RESTRICTIONS TO END AS FROM TO-NIGHT.

STORAGE FIGURES.

As from to-night, Kowloon is to enjoy a full 24-hours' water supply, instead of the 12-hours' supply operative during the last few weeks. Contractors' building supplies will also be re-connected on the mainland.

Although no rain was recorded yesterday, water continued to pour into the reservoirs on the island and in Kowloon. A further seven million gallons was gained at island reservoirs, and at Kowloon six million gallons were registered.

The total supply now available in Hongkong is 385 million gallons and in Kowloon 224 million gallons.

The Water Engineer (Mr. A. B. Purves) said this morning that under the present restrictions Kowloon consumes approximately 20 million gallons per day. He estimated that with a 24-hours' supply the consumption would not exceed 30 million gallons.

Mr. Purves intimated that at present he found it difficult to visualise any relaxation in the restrictions prevailing on the island.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C., will move the following:—"That in the opinion of this Council, it is imperative in the interests of this Colony, that all the permanent measures to increase the water supply, which are referred to in the Report of Mr. R. M. Henderson, dated the 29th February, 1929, (other than those which have already been completed) be proceeded with and completed as soon as possible."

THE ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION.

DIVIDING WORK OF STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

New York, July 16.

The first intimation of the attitude of the Hoover Crime Commission towards Prohibition is given in a letter by the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. G. W. Wickersham, to a conference of State Governors now sitting at New London, Connecticut.

Mr. Wickersham suggests that the Federal Government attend to the prevention of the importation and the manufacture of liquor, while the State Governments prevent the sale and close saloons and "speakeasies."—*Reuter's American Service*.

SENDING PICTURES BY TELEGRAPH.

LONDON-BERLIN SERVICE COMING.

London, July 16.

In the House of Commons, the Postmaster General announced the intended establishment, within two or three months, of a public service between London and Berlin for the telegraphic transmission of pictures, photographs and similar matter.—*Reuter*.

The service will, at the outset, be of an experimental character and the question of its permanent adoption and its extension to other routes will be considered when sufficient experience has been obtained.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

NAVAL ARMAMENT REDUCTION.

THE MACDONALD-DAWES CONVERSATIONS.

London, July 16.

Informal and preparatory conversations are taking place between the Prime Minister and the United States Ambassador, General Dawes, as to the procedure with matters in connexion with the measures to be taken to secure a reduction of naval armaments.

Insofar as productive results are obtained, they will be communicated to other interested Powers.—*British Wireless*.

LANCASHIRE LAPSE.

Leicester Give a Fine Exhibition.

Leicester won on the first innings against Lancashire at Leicester, and obtained complete mastery over the champions. Lancashire won the toss and batted first and put up the very sound total of 380.

In reply, Leicester made 455, severely trouncing the Lancashire attack. Steady batting rather than individual brilliance was the feature.—*Continued on Page 8.*

REAL CRICKET AT BLACKHEATH.

SURREY AND KENT IN TENSE FIGHT.

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BRIGHTER CRICKET.

Five Centuries at Blackheath.

Surrey won on the first innings against Kent at Blackheath, but there was a tense struggle for mastery before this was decided. The match was distinguished by some delightfully free hitting by the batsmen on both sides.

Surrey, taking first knock, hit up the most useful score of 429, to which Sandham contributed 130. It was Sandham's first century of the season, and another personal achievement was credited to Wilson, promoted to Surrey Seniors, who scored his first century in first-class cricket. He made 110 in good style.

Kent set about the task of bettering the Surrey total in great style. Hardinge and Ames in partnership treated the bowling with scant respect and when Ames was sent back after compiling 107, it seemed that Kent were well set for. Hardinge went on to make a capital 141, but after his dismissal a minor rot set in. M. J. C. Allon bowling to good purpose. The last wicket fell at 402, Allon taking 5 wickets for 89 runs.

A brilliant display by Hobbs featured Surrey's second innings. He scored 150 (not out) in a total of 246 for 5 wickets when P. G. H. Fender applied the closure. In the short time remaining for play, Kent compiled 133 for the loss of 4 wickets.

CHILEAN TRANSPORT FOUNDERS.

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THE LAHORE HUNGER STRIKERS.

CONSPIRACY CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

Lahore, July 16.

The hearing of the Lahore conspiracy case has again been adjourned owing to the continuance of hunger-striking by the prisoners and the illness of Dutt, one of the accused.—*Reuter*.

BUILDING COLLAPSE DISASTER.

EXAGGERATIONS IN FIRST REPORTS.

New York, July 16.

It now appears that the building collapse disaster at Montgomery, Alabama, yesterday, was not nearly so serious as has been reported.

The police estimate that there were about seventy-five people in the buildings when the crash occurred, but state that practically all of them were saved by prompt action in rescue work by the police and passers-by.

Yesterday, it was stated that fifty persons were buried in the debris, but this now appears to be incorrect.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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BATCH OF COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

VEHICULAR FERRY, WIRELESS AND MALARIA.

INFORMATION SOUGHT.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will ask the following questions:

1. Is the Government in a position to inform this Council whether there is a possibility of arrangements being made in the near future for a vehicular ferry across the harbour?

2. Will the Government inform this Council: (a) As to what steps are being taken to establish an effective broadcasting system in this Colony; (b) what will be the effective range of such system when the Government's contemplated scheme is completed; (c) when is it anticipated that such scheme will be in full operation?

3. What steps have been taken during the current year with the object of bringing into operation an effective system for dealing with malaria in this Colony?

THE LOADLINE ON SHIPS.

INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING DESIRED.

London, July 16.

In reply to a question in Parliament, the President of the Board of Trade, Graham, said the statutory rules for fixing the position of the loading on ships, which has been in force since 1890, have been modified from time to time in the light of increased experience and improved construction of ships.

A further revision of the rules has been undertaken by an expert committee, who are expected to report very soon. It is proposed to send their report to the Dominion and foreign Governments for consideration, and efforts will be made to secure an international understanding on the subject of the loading.—*British Wireless*.

NEW CITY BLOCK DECIDED ON.

YEE SANG FAT BLDG. TO COME DOWN.

NEW CINEMA, OFFICES AND SHOPS POSSIBLE.

PROJECTS OUTLINED.

The future of the city block of property at present occupied by Messrs. Yee Sang Fat Ltd., which has been the subject of a number of development rumours in recent years, now appears to have been settled.

The *Telegraph* understands that the block will be demolished some time next year and a modern building erected in its place.

Definite information regarding the extent of the area to be cleared is lacking at the moment, but it seems quite possible that the old Coronet Theatre, which has stood idle for several years, will be included in the scheme.

Those Interested.

The development of the site is likely to be carried out by the present owners of the block in association with other interests, but at the moment no definite decision has been reached regarding the nature of the new building to be erected when the site has been cleared.

One proposal now under consideration is the erection of a new cinema theatre, but while the services of architects have been secured, it is understood that no plans of any kind have yet been prepared.

Big Scheme Likely.

It seems likely, however, that the Building Authority will be asked to consider a development plan which includes a new cinema theatre and also possibly shops and offices as well.

As regards the business of Messrs. Yee Sang Fat, this may be carried on in some part of whatever type of new building is decided upon.

The work of demolition will not start this year and presumably will not be embarked upon until the sponsors of the project have come to definite decision and have had plans for the new building officially approved.

Was Formerly Club.

The Yee Sang Fat Building, like so many other buildings in Queen's Road Central which have in recent years been demolished, is one of the oldest in the Colony.

It is interesting to note in this connexion that it was here that the Hongkong Club had its first home, the premises being opened in May, 1845. The old Coronet Theatre was in those days used as the Club's bowling alley.

Improving Queen's Road.

When construction work is started it will mark another important stage in the development of Queen's Road Central which in the last two years or so has seen the addition of some handsome blocks of modern offices.

Work on the new International City Bank of New York is to start in the near future on the site which has been cleared at the corner of Queen's Road and Lee House Street. Considerable excavation work has been completed and a pile-driver is being erected on the site to-day.

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ORDINANCE TO BE SUBMITTED TO-MORROW.

CHECK CONSUMPTION.

In order to check consumption during the present very serious shortage of water, the Attorney General will introduce a Bill at a meeting of the Legislative Council to-morrow amending the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903.

The Objects and Reasons of the Bill are stated as follows:

1. The main object of this Ordinance is to facilitate the temporary abolition of what is known as the "free allowance" of water. The abolition of the "free allowance" will actually be effected by regulation. The sole aim of this proposed legislation is to check consumption during the present very serious shortage of water.

2. Section 2 (a) (ii) of the principal Ordinance refers to a quarterly allowance. This is the so-called "free allowance." Section 2 of this Ordinance substitutes the term "quarterly amount" because "allowance" suggests the present "free allowance" and that is to be abandoned temporarily.

3. The principal Ordinance refers in various places to the "quarter." In practice this must mean the period between two consecutive meter readings as provided by regulation 7 on page 339 of the Regulations of Hongkong. It is obvious that the meters throughout the Colony cannot possibly be read on the same day, and the regulation in question provides that for the purpose of calculating the quarterly consumption in any particular tenement the differences between two consecutive readings of the meter is to be taken. It also provides that the reading may be taken on any day not more than ten days before or after the calendar date of the commencement of the quarter. Accordingly, the meter reader's quarter for any particular tenement may be longer or shorter than the calendar quarter, but a longer quarter is always balanced later on by a shorter quarter because the last reading of any one quarter must be taken as the first reading of the succeeding quarter. Section 3 of this Ordinance inserts in the principal Ordinance a section which expressly recognises what may be called the meter reader's quarter. This same point recurs in section 14 (2) of this Ordinance.

Special Powers.

4. Section 3 of the principal Ordinance provides that the Water Authority shall have the administration of the waterworks subject to the general authority of the Governor in Council. Section 1 provides that the officers appointed to carry out the Ordinance shall be under the control of the Water Authority subject to the general authority of the Governor. There seems to be no good reason for making a distinction in these two sections in the matter of the ultimate authority. The Governor in Council is given special powers in particular sections of the Ordinance, but the natural controlling authority for general purposes is the Governor. Accordingly, the opportunity is taken to alter "Governor in Council" in section 3 of the principal Ordinance to "Governor." This is effected by section 4 of this Ordinance.

5. Section 5 of this Ordinance amends section 5 of the principal Ordinance so as to make the ordinary undertaking to pay for water apply to the amount which at present is comprised in the "free allowance." This amendment is necessary even apart from the temporary abolition of the "free allowance," because even at present there are cases in which there is no "free allowance."

6. Section 6 of this Ordinance amends the regulation making section of the principal Ordinance in two ways. In the first place it abolishes the present maximum price for water supplied by meter. In the second place it gives the Governor in Council a wide power to make regulations for the purpose of controlling the persons who resort to the public fountains. For example, in a time of shortage such as the present, it may be desirable to assign particular blocks of buildings and to exclude persons from outside areas. It might also be desirable to introduce some system of rationing. It is also desirable to be able to give powers to police officers and others who may be stationed at public fountains.

Penalties.

7. Sections 7 to 13, both inclusive, of this Ordinance amend the various penalties under the principal Ordinance. Some of the penalties in the principal Ordinance appear to be too small. For example, the maximum penalty for wilful waste of water, however much water may have been wasted, is only \$25. Again, the maximum penalty for negligently polluting the waterworks by "any foul liquid, gas or other noxious or injurious matter" is only \$100, and even for wilful pollution of this nature the maximum is the same. In the second place, the maximum penalties seem to be unnecessarily varied. The amending sections of this Ordinance make the maximum penalty in any case \$250 which is now the standard maximum for summary offences. In the two cases where a daily penalty is provided in the principal Ordinance this Ordinance makes the maximum \$25 a day.

8. Section 14 of this Ordinance gives a power to make the temporary abolition of the "free allowance" apply to the current quarter, and it makes it clear that what is meant is the current meter reader's quarter.

Draft Regulations.

The following draft of regulations proposed to be made when the intended Waterworks Amendment Ordinance, 1929, is passed, is published for general information.

1. Regulation 1 of the regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, and appearing on pages 307 to 322 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914-1925, is rescinded and the following regulation is substituted therefor:

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) to (7), both inclusive, of this regulation, the price of all filtered water supplied by meter which falls within the quarterly amount referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of section 2 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, shall be seventy-five cents per thousand gallons in the Peak District and fifty cents per thousand gallons in all other parts of the island of Hongkong.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) to (7), both inclusive, of this regulation, the price of all excess consumption in the case of filtered water shall be one dollar and seventy-five cents per thousand gallons in the Peak District and one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand gallons in all other parts of the island of Hongkong.

(3) In the case of filtered water supplied by meter to hospitals or charitable institutions no price shall be charged in respect of the quarterly amount referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of section 2 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, and the price of all excess consumption shall be seventy-five cents per thousand gallons.

(4) In the case of water supplied by meter to naval establishments the price of all filtered water shall be seventy-five cents

per thousand gallons, and of all unfiltered water thirty-five cents per thousand gallons.

(5) Any special price hitherto charged for filtered water supplied by meter to military establishments shall remain in force.

(6) In the case of filtered water supplied by meter at Aberdeen, Apichau and Shaikwan no price shall be charged in respect of the quarterly amount referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of section 2 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, and the price of all excess consumption shall be seventy-five cents per thousand gallons.

(7) The price of all unfiltered water supplied by meter at Pokfulam, Repulse Bay, Stanley, and Tai Tam, and elsewhere except at Tai Po or Fan Ling, shall be fifty cents per thousand gallons.

(8) In the case of filtered water supplied by meter in Kowloon or New Kowloon no price shall be charged in respect of the quarterly amount referred to in

sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of section 2 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, and the price of all excess consumption shall be seventy-five cents per thousand gallons.

(9) The price of all unfiltered water supplied by meter at Tai Po shall be thirty-five cents per thousand gallons.

(10) The price of all unfiltered water supplied by meter at Fan Ling shall be one dollar per thousand gallons: provided that the special price hitherto charged for water supplied to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fan Ling shall remain in force.

(11) The price of all water supplied by meter to shipping direct through pipes on wharves or piers, or to water boats, shall be two dollars per thousand gallons, and the price of all water supplied by meter to shipping otherwise than direct through pipes on wharves or piers shall be four dollars per thousand gallons.

(12) The price of all water supplied by meter for building

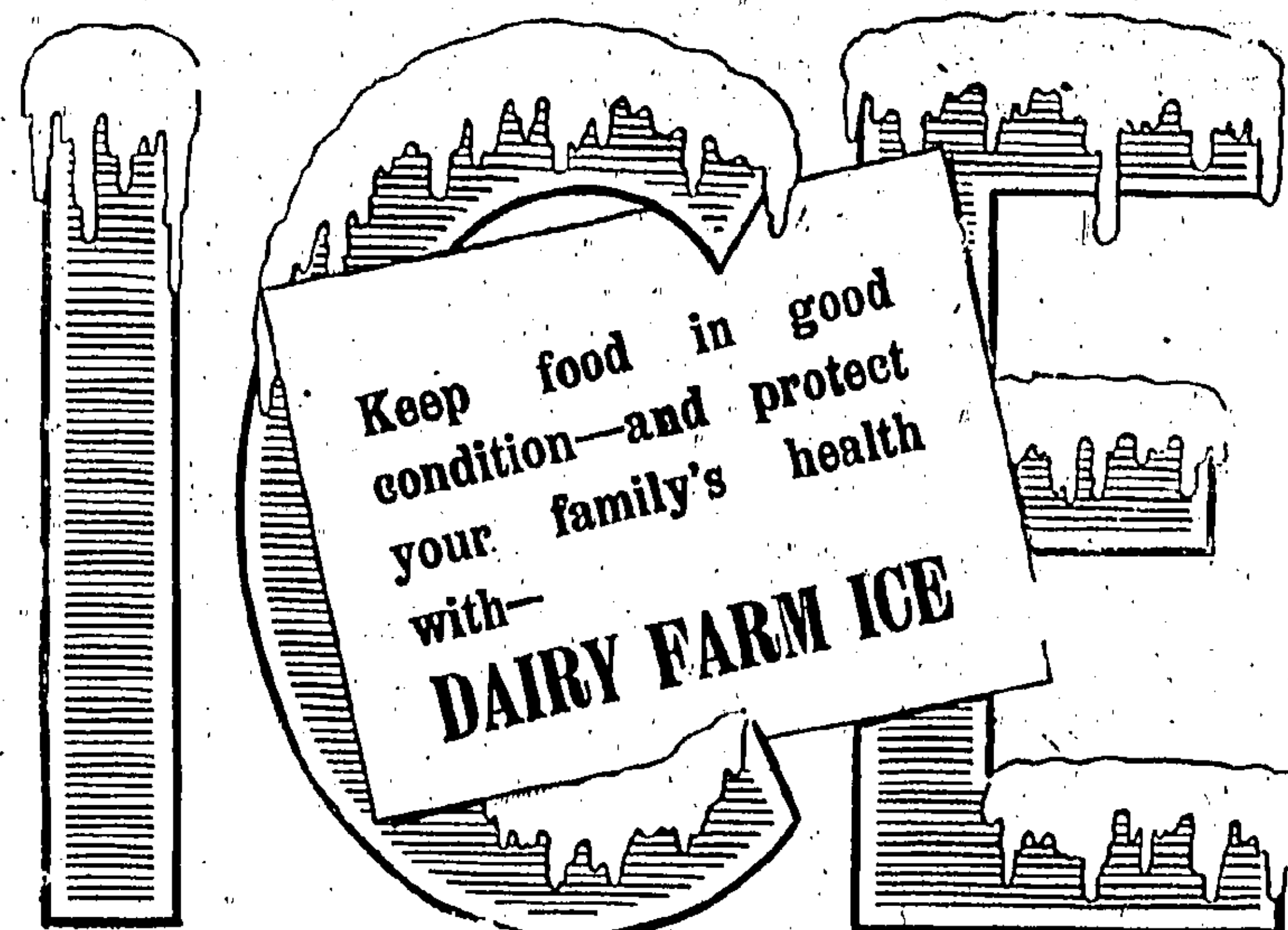
purposes shall be two dollars per thousand gallons.

(13) This regulation shall have effect only in respect of water supplied by meter in the third quarter of 1929, and for the purpose of this paragraph the word quarter with reference to any particular meter shall be construed as meaning the period between two consecutive readings of the meter as provided by Regulation 7 of these regulations for the purpose of calculating the quarterly consumption.

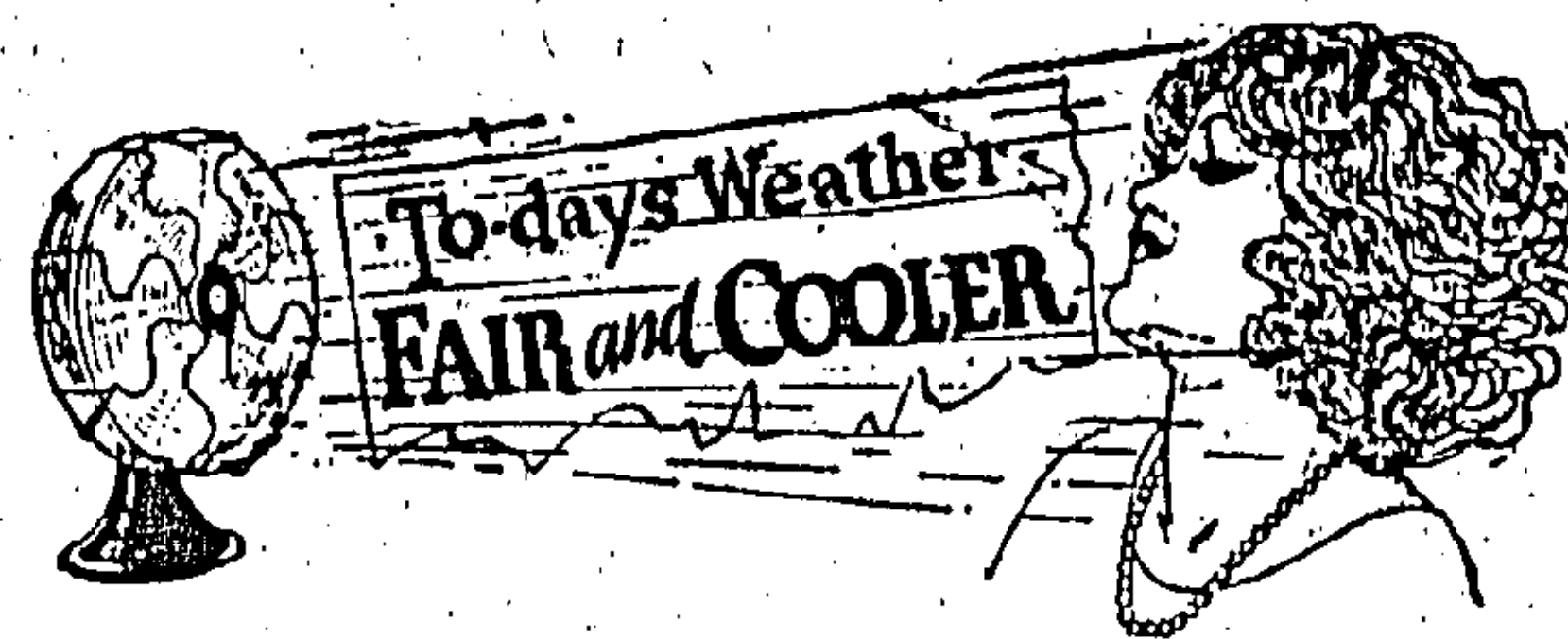
2. Regulation 13 of the said regulations is amended by the insertion of the words, "with such variations (if any) as the Water Authority may consider desirable," immediately after the word "regulations" in the fifth line thereof.

3. The following note is added to Form C in the Schedule to the above regulations:

Note.—This form may be altered by the Water Authority as he may consider desirable.



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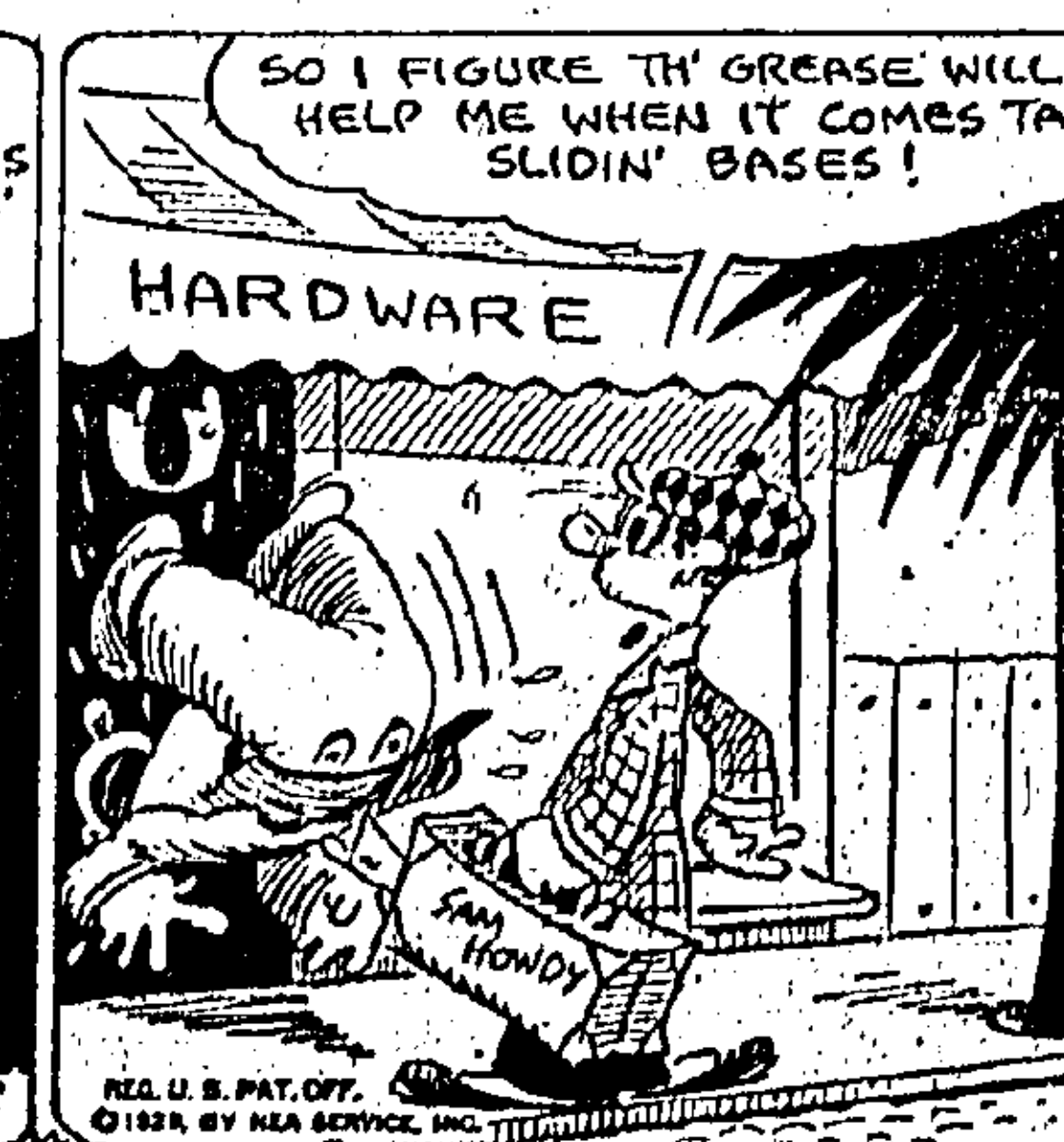
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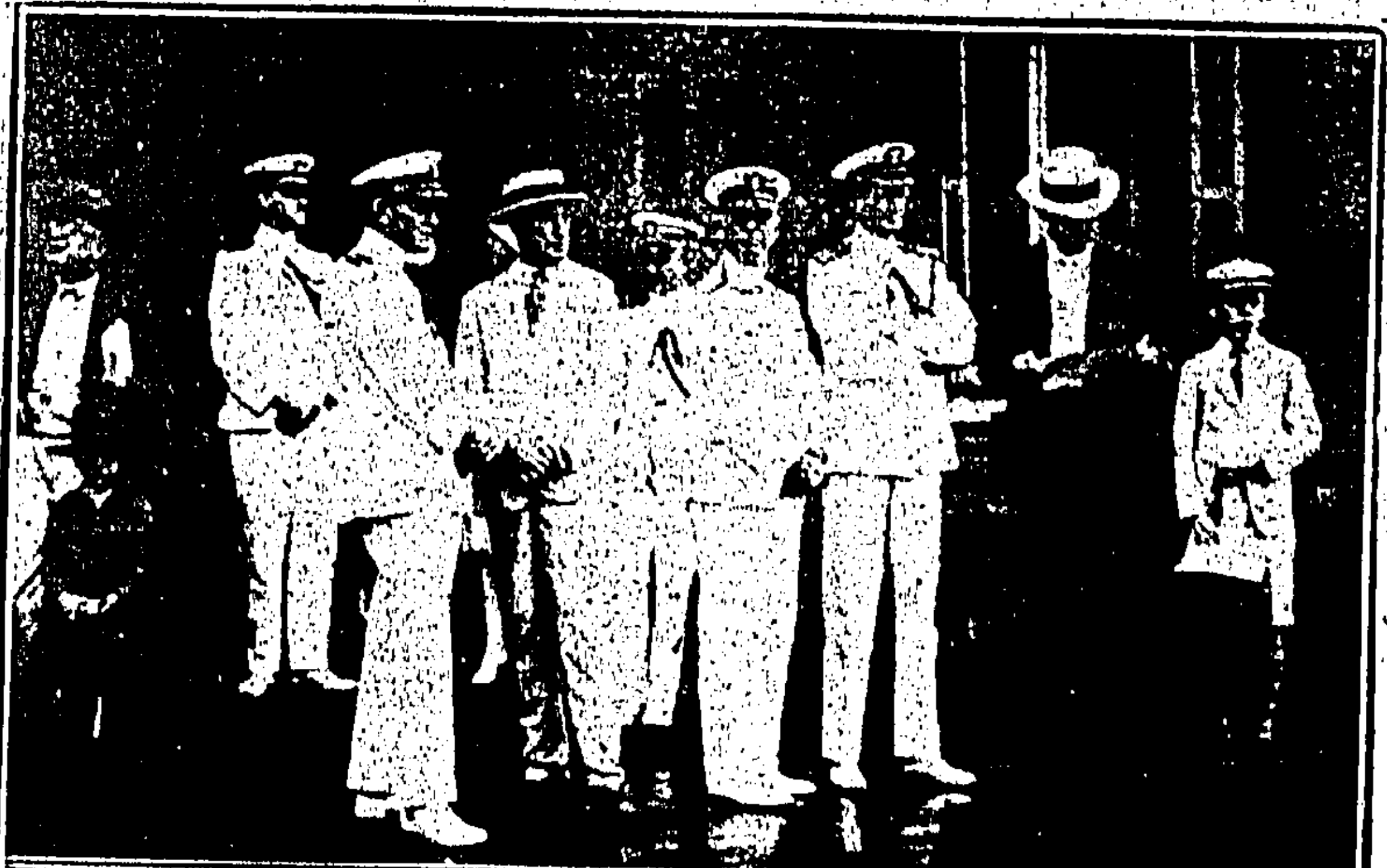


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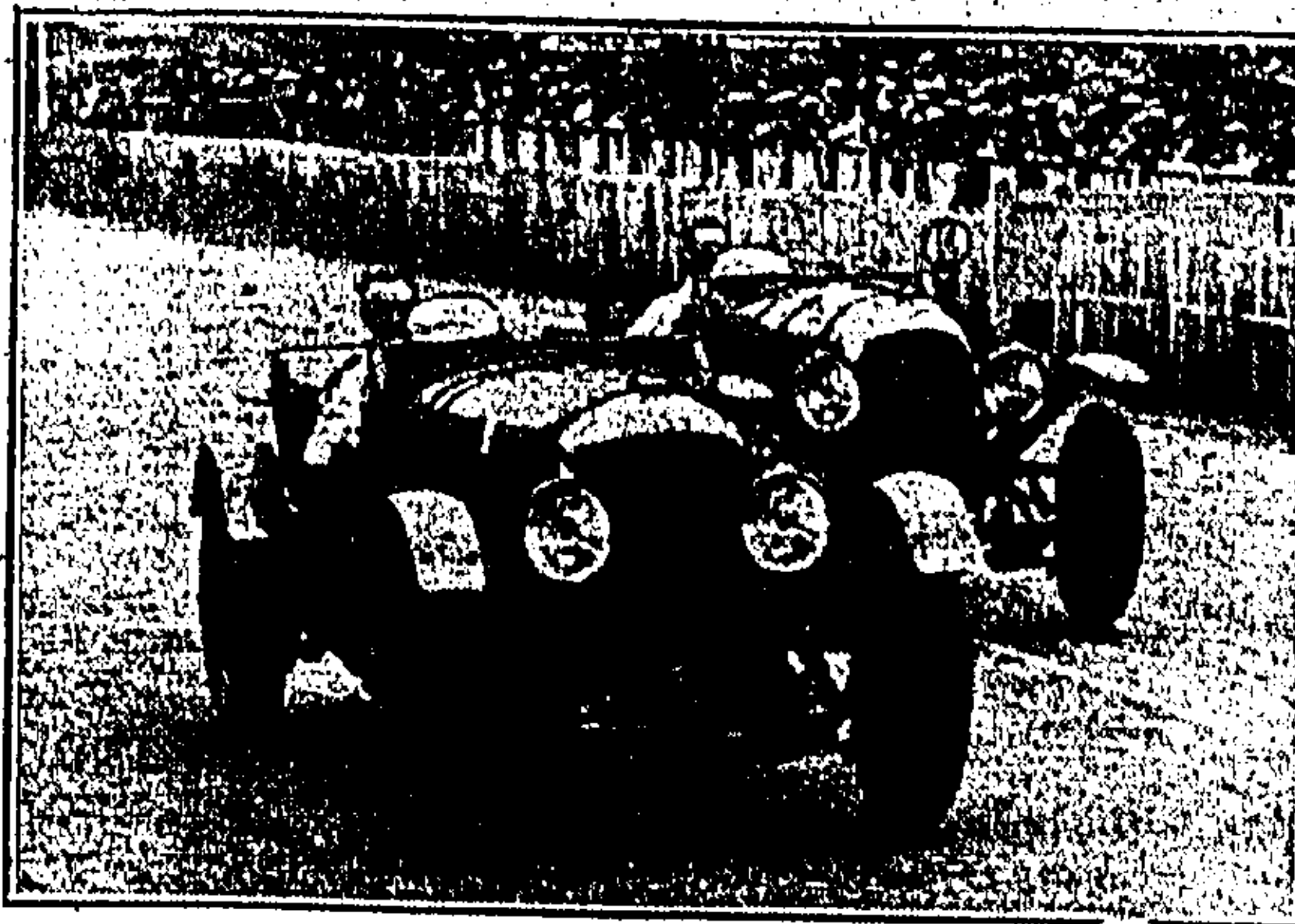


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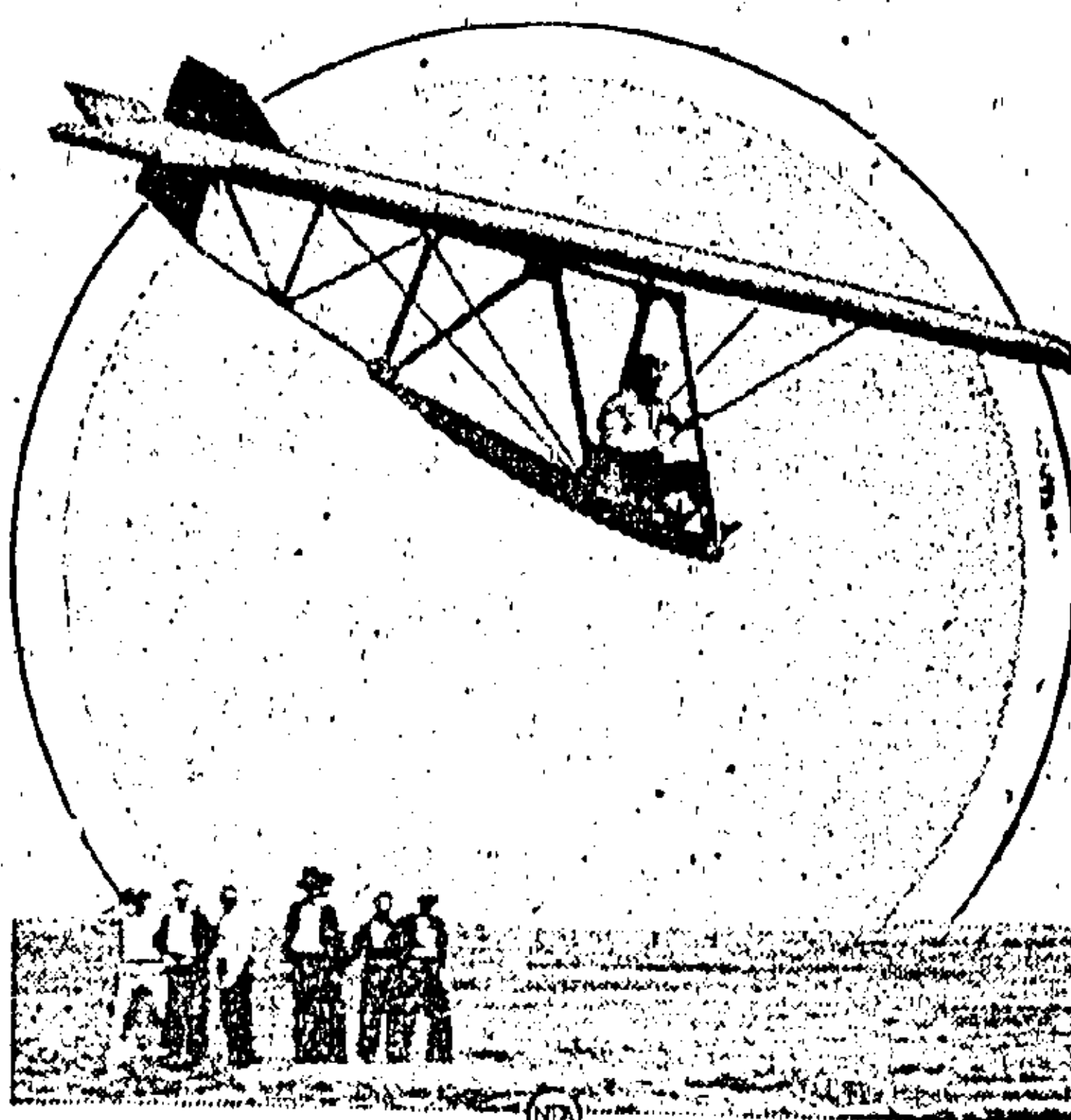




Despite the heavy rain in Shanghai on July 4, the Glorious Fourth, there was little interference with the programme for the celebration of America's national day, which ended in the evening with a fireworks display at the Racecourse. Those pictures were taken at the Consulate ceremony during the morning when the Declaration of Independence was read. Upper picture shows Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham, Consulate-General, Admiral Bristol and naval officers outside the Consulate. Middle picture shows a section of the crowd, and in the lower picture Mr. Cunningham is seen addressing the crowd.



Four Bentley cars led the field in the Grand Prix d'Endurance at Le Mans. Our picture shows the winner, Bentley 1, followed by Bentley 9, which was second. (Times copyright).



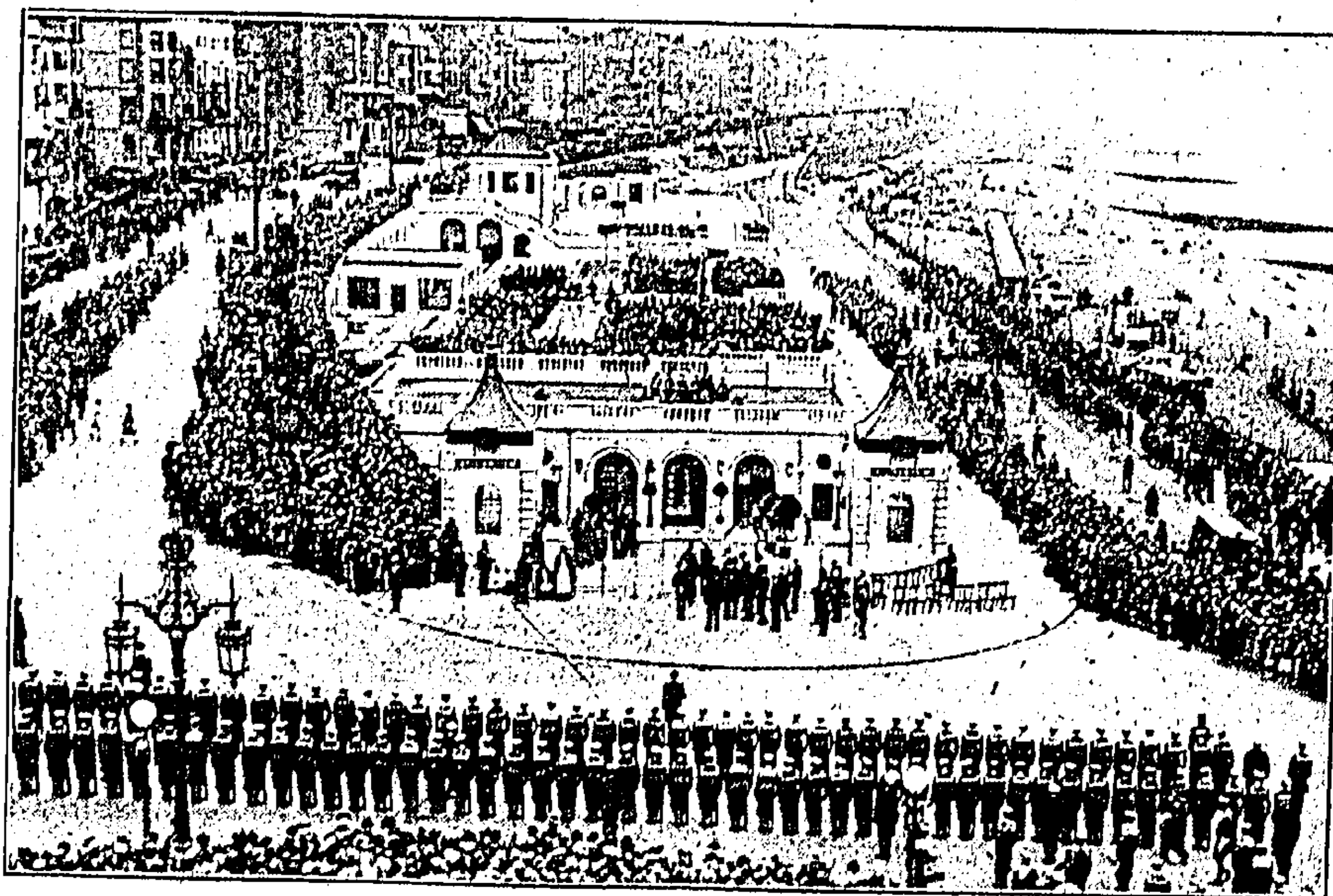
A curious craft at America's first glider meeting.



The Yellow Bird's Crew and their stowaway photographed in Paris, following their successful transatlantic flight. (Times copyright)



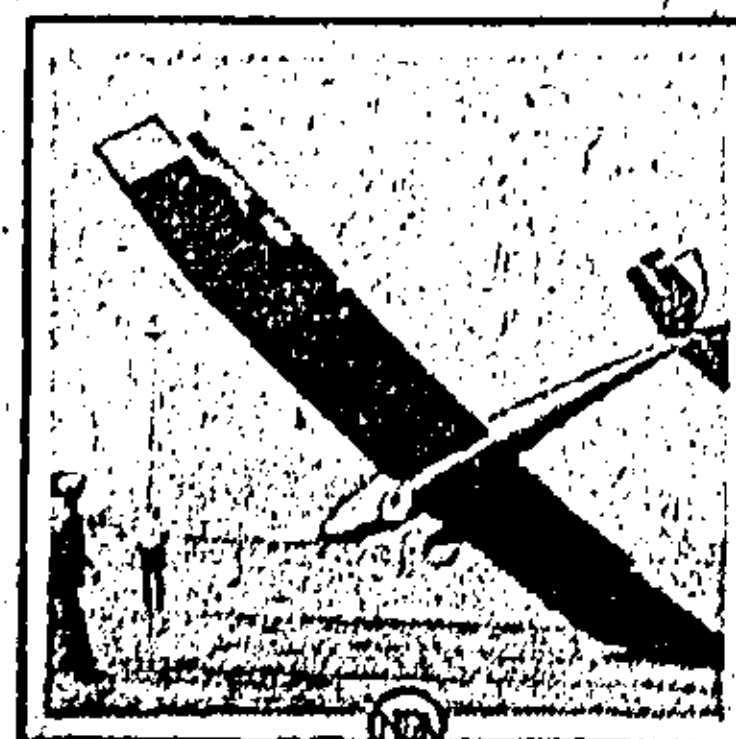
General Dawes, the new American Ambassador, with Mr. R. G. Vansittart, the Prime Minister's principal secretary, on his arrival at Waterloo. (Times copyright).



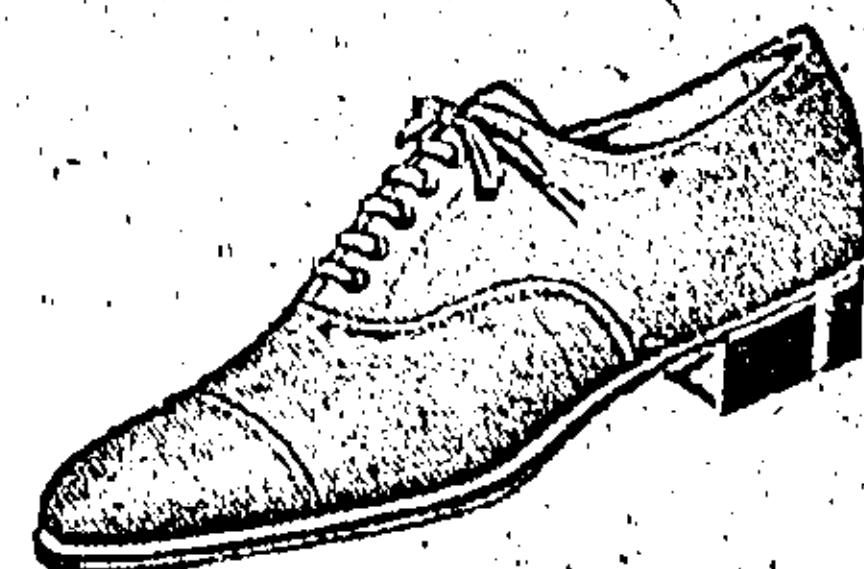
The scene on the east front at Brighton, when Prince George opened the new Aquarium, which has cost over £100,000. The Prince had a wonderful reception from the huge crowd. (Times copyright).



A group of competitors in the annual rifle meeting recently held by the Shanghai Rifle Association photographed at the Rifle Range. Mr. L. A. Motu, winner of the Grand Aggregate, is seen standing 11th from left. Mr. C. W. Glover is shown standing fifth from left and on his right is Mr. A. M. Colaco, secretary of the S.R.A., who was the Range Officer during the meeting.



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Public Works Department,
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P. and O. \$21 n.
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H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$3.05 b.
Kallans, 63/3 n.
Langkats, Tls. 141 b.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.75 s.
Raubs, \$6.90 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$125 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents, \$435 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 168 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 64 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 138 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.35 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.25 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 774 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

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H. K. Lands, \$604 b.
S'hai Lands, Tls. 147 b.
Humphreys, \$13 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.80 n.
Star Ferries, \$644 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.50 s.
H. K. Electric, \$551 s.

Macao Electric, \$267 n.
Telephones, \$7 b.
China Buses, Tls. 141 b.

Singapore Traction, 11/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 90 b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.10 b.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits and London Parcels (6th June)	Philoctetes	July 18.
Australia and Manila	Kaga Maru	July 18.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London 20th June, and Parcels 13th June)	Malwa	July 18.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 27th and 28th June)	Lahn	July 18.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kanchow	July 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Khivn	July 19.
U.S.A. (Seattle 29th June), Canada, Japan and Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	July 19.
Shanghai	Albion	July 20.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	July 21.
Canada, (Victoria B.C. 4th July)	Emp. of France	July 22.
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	July 22.
Manila	Aki Maru	July 23.
Japan	Sawa Maru	July 26.
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For	Per	Date and Time.
Manila	New York	Wed., July 17, 2.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., July 17, 4 p.m.
Hoihow and Hongkong	Chingnan	Thurs., July 18, 5.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	Thurs., July 18, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Dell Maru	Thurs., July 18, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., July 18, 2.30 p.m.
Poochow	Luchow	Thurs., July 18, 3.30 p.m.
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Japan	Kaga Maru	Fri., July 19, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hai Ning	Fri., July 19, 2 p.m.
Tourane	Chungkong	Fri., July 19, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva	Sat., July 20

Parcels	Registration	Letters
July 19, 5 p.m.	July 20, 9 a.m.	July 20, 10 a.m.
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Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Sat., July 20, noon
Amoy	Bremerhaven	Sat., July 20, 3 p.m.
Rahaul	Kiungchow	Sat., July 20, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Allpore	Sat., July 20, 3 p.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., July 21, 9 a.m.
Hankok via Swatow	Kalgan	Sun., July 21, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Kanchow	Sun., July 21, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakusan Maru	Mon., July 22, 10.30 a.m.

Tandakan	Huisong	Mon., July 22, 1.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. and S. America *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. McKinley	Mon., July 22, Parcel Registrations 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 12th August.)

Amoy and Japan	Namsang	Mon., July 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	Mon., July 22, Registrations 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hsiyang	Tues., July 23, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Idomeneus	Tues., July 23, K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m.

Manila	Emp. of France	Tues., July 23, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, C. and S. America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Siberia Maru	Tues., July 23, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. (Due San Francisco August 10.)

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Wed., July 24, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island, 6th August.)
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Wed., July 24, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Halching	Fri., July 26, 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sawa Maru	Sat., July 27, K.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 27th 9 a.m.
Amoy and Japan	Yuenang	Sat., July 27, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Mishima Maru	Mon., July 29, 8.30 a.m.

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WILL WEST HAM'S "BIG THREE" GO.

PROBLEM FOR MINISTER OF HEALTH.

London, June 18. The Minister of Health has to decide by June 30 whether to continue the term of office of the appointed Commissioners who have administered the affairs for the Guardians of West Ham.

Miss Susan Lawrence, who is now Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, is an East Ham member, and another member of the Government who also sits for East Ham is Mr. A. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes moved in the House of Commons in July last to annul Mr. Chamberlain's orders continuing the terms of office of the appointed Guardians for Beddely, Chester-le-Street, and West Ham. This motion was defeated.

It is possible that, in spite of Labour opposition to the superseding of the boards of guardians, Mr. Greenwood may find it the most practical course to continue the appointed guardians until April next year, when all boards of guardians disappear and the new scheme of poor law administration comes into operation.

The West Ham "Big Three" are Sir Arthur Woodgate, Mr. Alan Beal and Mr. John Scott.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



An ideal dress for morning wear is carried out in fine marine blue stockinette, with blue and natural Shantung collar and cuffs.

Fashion Notes.

CLOTHES MORE DIFFICULT TO WEAR.

Some of the *couturiers*, and more especially those of the male sex, have made a determined effort this season to get us back into clothes that they call more feminine, which seems to mean, more difficult to get into, and more difficult to wear. There is a strong spirit of reaction in the air, influenced perhaps, by the celebration of the centenary of French Romanticism.

Many designers, looking backward to the recent past give us models inspired by "fichbacks" and "bustles," the origin of the innocent "fullness in the back," which is so important a feature of some of the new clothes.

One celebrated male dressmaker predicts that in a short time we shall return to long hair, long skirts, and corsets! Another, makes his dress very modern in spirit, but with a fervent plea for greater dignity and distinction—no more flapper fashions, or, as he phrases it, a passing of the sub-adolescent ideal in both figures and fashions.

Although there is a great deal of blue in the summer palette, there are many other colours as well. Then yellow is making a bid for favour, and this colour is much fancied by brunettes of the vivid type.

If the two or three-colour scheme, put forward by many of the Paris dressmakers, is generally adopted, women's toilettes, whether for day or evening, will be far more complicated than they are at present.

Only artists, or those with a particularly good eye for colour, can combine successfully reds and blues, and greens and pinks and yellows, and when it comes to choosing a hat with which to complete a possible two or three

Evening Gowns.

IN DAINTY LACE AND CHIFFON.

For evening wear, there are many vaporous gowns in lace, chiffon, and the two combined, which have often butterfly bows on the shoulders and full skirts longer in the back.

There is an interesting treatment of the shoulders, for, besides the bows, some have soft frilled *bretelles* of the lace, veiling the tops of the arm. A favourite material for evening gowns is that stiffened chiffon which is called *mousseline appretée*, and which gives a crisp line to a fragile gown. Then there are the new stiff tullestas, moires, and satins, which are interesting for evening and afternoon dresses.

A wonderful shiny gold scarf wrap was worn over a frock of yellow chiffon, seen the other day at a reception in the Boulevard St. Germain, which had its wide skirt set with bands of silver lace over *dentelle de crin* or horsehair lace, giving an indescribable flare to the skirt.

There are spangled gowns also, but the spangling is never banal. One frock of black stiffened chiffon is spangled with jet about the waist; another is frosted here and there with silver spangles; a third, in white, has striking triangles of silver spangles on modern art lines.

Each evening gown seen is almost an inspiration. It might even be said that each evening gown is an individual creation, whether it be a flaring thing of tullestas, or a fluttering mass of chiffon, or a slim, oddly cut drapery of colourful lame.

colour ensemble, it will be very easy to make a false step.

Most women, however, will probably play for safety and indulge their love of colour at the same time by making great use of the many printed fabrics, both for frocks and coat linings.

The coloured shoes which have appeared, are another pitfall, since it is necessary to choose tints with care, if an otherwise good effect is not to be spoilt.

Of Interest.

JEWELS OF THE SEASON.

The short string of beads that encircles the base of the throat is smarter than anything else for day wear. The latest designs are in large multi-coloured glass beads—tinted glass is all the rage—some being round, others carved, while quite the smartest thing is a square-shaped bead. Polished wood is a novelty, and this is used most successfully with amber. Wooden necklaces which fasten with unusual bead clasps are smart. Cornelian is another popular fancy.

Attractive designs which could easily be fashioned at home are made up of an assortment of beads. Jade allied with coral and pearls is particularly successful. Most of us have hoarded a few broken necklaces and these can come in very useful now. A most original design can be achieved by stringing them together, regardless of shape, size and colour. It is no bad idea to investigate in the smart shops, steal an idea and carry it out for oneself at remarkably small cost. It is also possible to buy half a dozen beads—or indeed, as many as are required—loose at the bead shops that are springing up all over the place to meet the great demand for artificial jewellery.

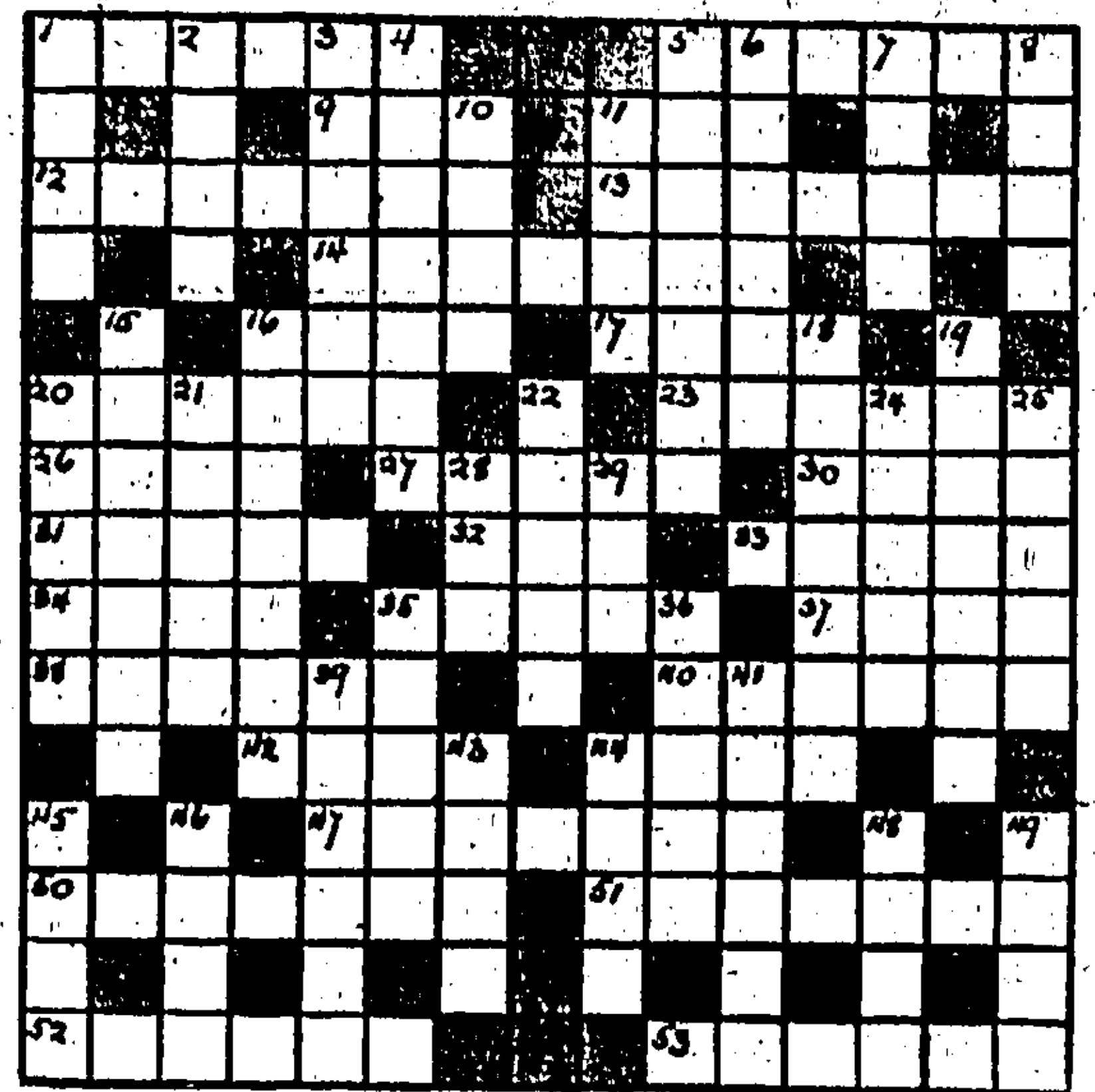
Chokers of small plaited glass or china beads are in vogue. These are often thick and one in red, white and blue was particularly attractive. Thick rope necklaces, consisting of several twisted strands of beads, threaded like buttons, are also in favour. These look particularly well with sports designs. Lemon and black, scarlet and navy, and green and orange are popular combinations. Flat wooden discs are carried out in the same design.

Gold beads and discs are again seen. A necklace of oblong beads of antique amber were joined by small gold beads. Gypsy jewellery—the flat embossed discs of various sizes, dangling on a fine gold chain—are greatly sought after. In fact, slightly eccentric designs are prized highly on account of their rarity. Scotch pebbles are in demand for necklaces.



Here is a charming notion for a young girl's evening frock: developed in plain white crepe de chine, the dress is sprinkled with clusters of vivid satin cherries and green foliage.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

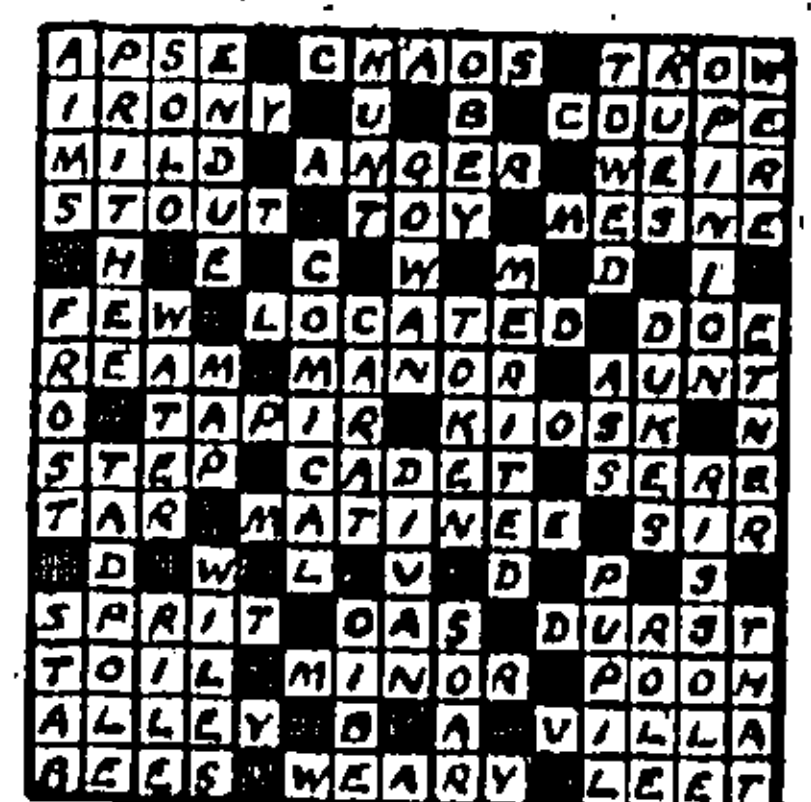
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- 9 Dress fabric.
- 11 From.
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- 16 Capital.
- 17 High.
- 20 Feast.
- 23 Harvested.
- 26 Assort.
- 27 Throbs.
- 30 Veitch.
- 31 Molars.
- 32 Collection of sayings.
- 33 Earth.
- 34 Stubble of grain.
- 35 Aside.
- 37 Restraint.
- 38 Guides.
- 40 Obliterates.
- 42 Enraptured.
- 44 Shrub from which indigo is made.
- 47 Mocked.
- 50 Crimson pigment.
- 51 Workshop.
- 52 Insurgents.
- 53 Rise.

Down.

- 1 Mercy.
- 2 Pronoun.
- 3 That which is embraced.
- 4 Skilful.
- 6 Amounts owing.
- 6 Dog.
- 7 Leave out.
- 10 Sleeping berth.
- 10 Trudge.

- 11 Placket.
- 15 Repels.
- 16 Additional.
- 18 Pertaining to the side.
- 19 Small breed of dog.
- 20 Taxes.
- 21 Domestic birds.
- 22 Pertaining to the moon.
- 24 Diminishes by shaving.
- 25 Ecclesiastical dignitary.
- 28 Knock.
- 29 Spoil.
- 35 Species of poplar.
- 38 Doctrine.
- 39 Appearing like radii.
- 41 Foreman.
- 43 Perennial plant.
- 44 First man.
- 45 Wound.
- 46 Dig.
- 48 Bulk.
- 49 Reared.

Yesterday's Solution.



£40,000 FOR MINISTER'S 11 CHILDREN.

£115,000 WILL OF MR. A. NEILSON, K.C.

Many bequests to friends and relatives appear in the will of Mr. Alexander Neilson, K.C., of Upper Berkeley-street, W., and of Garden-court, The Temple, who left £115,632. He leaves:—

£40,000 to be equally divided among the 11 children of his cousin, the Rev. John Barr Cumming, minister of Mortlach Parish Church, Dufftown.

Mr. Cumming died at the end of last year, but his widow and her 11 children are still living. Other bequests include:—

£1,000 and the picture "Pass of Brander" to Mrs. M. C. Danckwerts, "in memory of a long and happy friendship from which I have learnt all there is to be known of the goodness of a good woman."

£1,000 to his clerk, Frederick Mitchell, "in remembrance of many years of friendship."

£500 each to his maids, Mary Bunn, Kate Hitchins and Lily Mitchell, if still in his service, "in memory of their kindness and loyal service."

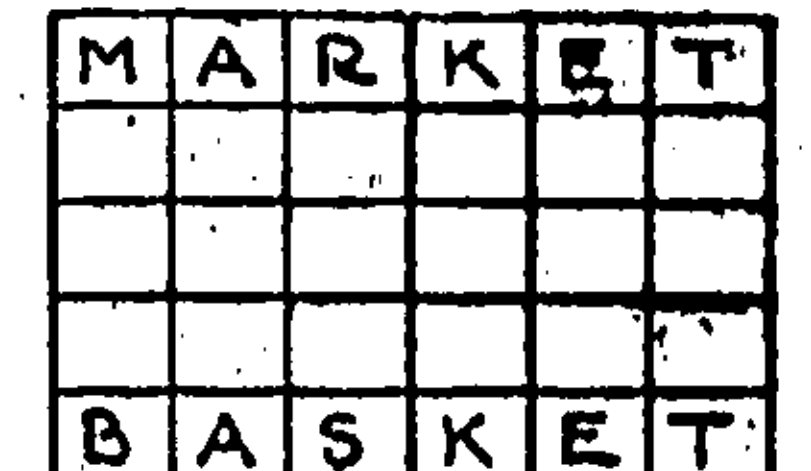
£1,000 to St. Columba's Church, Pont-street, Chelsea.

Two casts of salmon and one of trout to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

His mother's seal and musquash coat, and her Canadian sable tie,

LETTER GOLF.

A MARKET BASKET may sound like a peculiar golf device, but it makes an interesting game.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HEW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

to Margaret Cowie Cumming. The contents of his room in Garden-court and his law library to Richard Clyde, son of Lord Clyde.

Mr. Neilson, who died on April 9, was 61, and a Boncher of the Middle Temple.

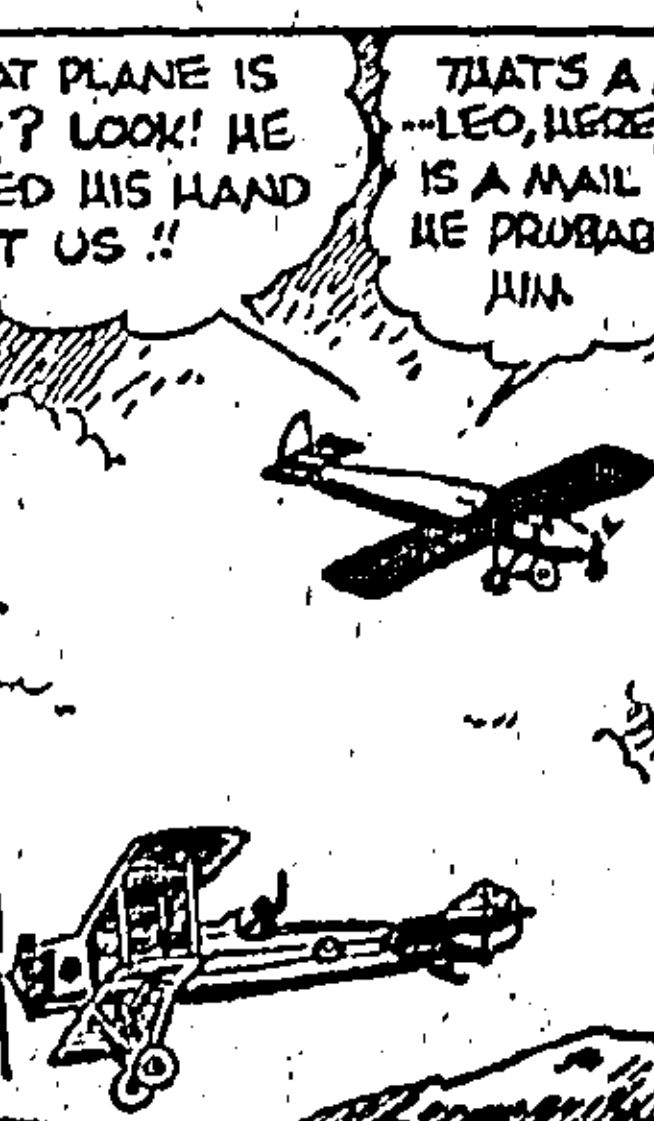
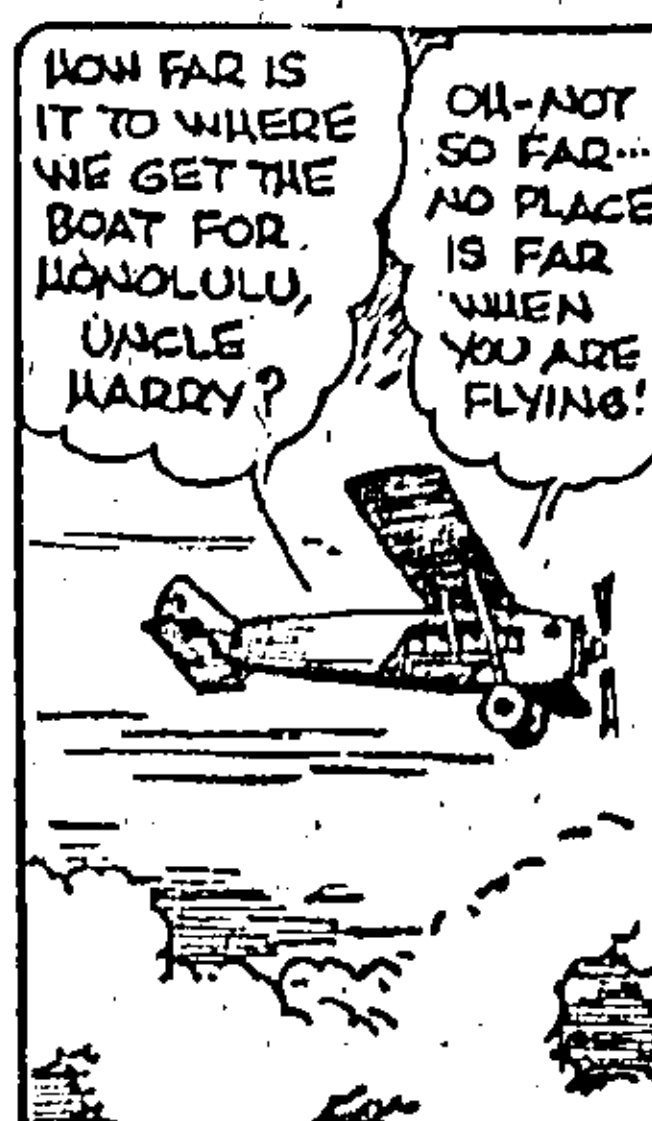
The residue of the property is left to his brother, Ian Barr Cumming Neilson, for life.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Sailing Along!

By Blosser

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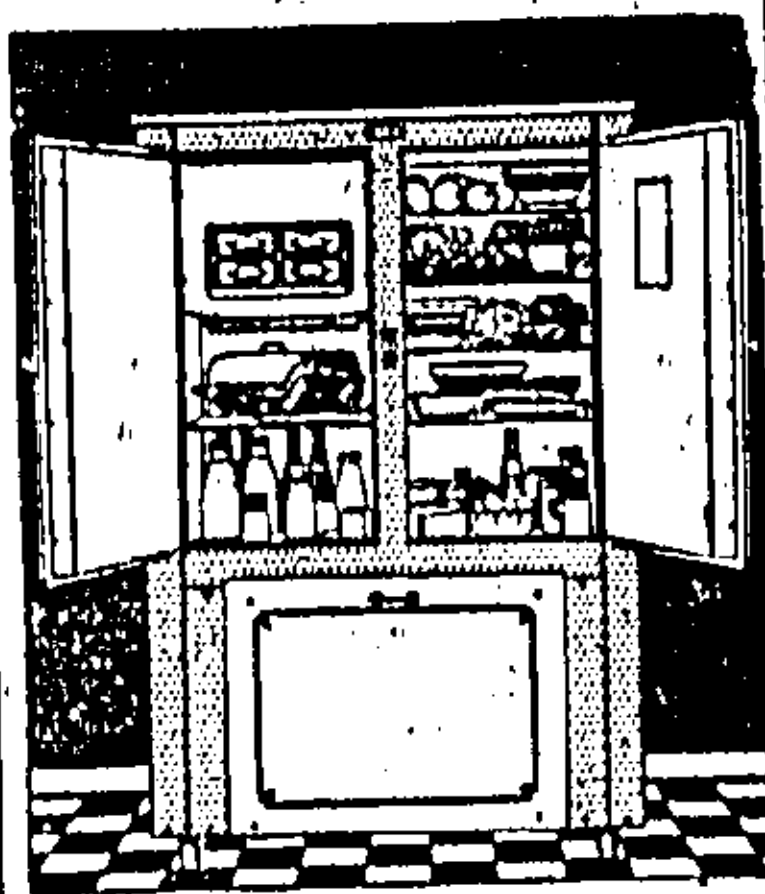
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THE NEW WATER CHARGES.

Apprehensions felt regarding the possible ill-effects of the Government's proposal to charge metered water consumers for every gallon used will not be allayed by the official announcement, published elsewhere in this issue, setting out in detail the new charges to be introduced. The proposed amendments to the Ordinance of 1903 are highly important and worthy of attention, but it is the attached regulation, enumerating the proposed increases, which will be subjected to the closest examination. The surprise—and yet no surprise—is that Kowloon residents are to escape scot free, that is to say, no changes are contemplated; but the Peak will be required to pay an additional 75 cents per 1,000 gallons for its normal "allowance" and \$1.75 per 1,000 for excess consumption. The remainder of the island is to pay 50 cents per 1,000 gallons for normal supplies and \$1.25 for excess, if any.

Fairly to estimate the nature of the proposals it has to be remembered that these charges will be in addition to the 40 cents per 1,000 gallons already charged to every water-consumer in the Colony who pays rates. If the Bill is enforced, therefore, its practical effect will be that the Peak will be paying \$1.15 per 1,000 gallons up to a certain limit, and \$1.75 for the surplus, and the rest of the island 90 cents per 1,000 gallons. We shall be very much surprised if the Bill is not felt as a heavy injury by Peak residents, and, to but little lesser extent, metered consumers in other parts of the island. The Government says that the sole aim of this proposed legislation is to check consumption during the present very heavy shortage of water, but it is difficult to see how the contention can be made to fit the facts. No evidence of any description has been forthcoming to suggest that the metered consumers have been wasteful; indeed the consumption through the mains, which most certainly does not represent metered use only, has shown a steady decrease from week to week. For its effect on business, we need only refer to the proposed charge for building contractors. The regulation requires them to pay \$2 for every 1,000 gallons of water used. The damage likely to be

caused by this imposition does not require to be stressed. It is noted that the new rates will only apply for a period of three months, namely, to the third quarter of 1929; but there is nothing to preclude the Governor-in-Council from continuing and even substantially increasing these rates at the end of that period, should it be thought fit. In any event, the whole matter will obviously have to be reconsidered at the end of three months. Meanwhile, the Government is breeding the impression, which of course may be purely illusory, that the metered consumers are to be mulcted to assuage the supposed grievances of another section of the community.

Finally, it is much to be doubted whether all the trouble that will be caused as the result of the proposed new legislation is justified for the mere sake of a three-months' change. Extra work will be thrown on the Government accounting departments, discriminatory taxes will be enforced, and those affected will have to pay out money which, as the Government says it is not a question of raising more revenue, the authorities do not really need. The recent rains have solved the summer problem; maybe more to come will make us safe for the winter. The wiser course, therefore, would appear to be to await developments, and then, if the need for checking consumption be made evident, to increase the charge for excess consumption, but to retain the free allowance. The public will, at any rate, expect Unofficial Members to watch its interests by not consenting to the passage of the Bill until very much sounder reasons than have hitherto been given are forthcoming in its support.

Fact and Fancies.

There are no doubt moments in the lives of British exiles abroad when they yearn for a sight of the Old Country. In the hot and steamy days of a Far Eastern summer, they take their minds back to the English countryside and call up visions of Britain's national stock of beauty and of happy days which have receded into the past but the sweet memories of which recur every now and then. It is well that this should be so; else we should be as people without a country of our own. A snapshot of a country lane, a painting of the rolling downs of some of the shires, or maybe a picture of an old English cottage—these often suffice to make us long for the Motherland, and leave us wondering why we choose to spend our lives in a part of the world where neither the climate nor the conditions of life are our natural heritage. We made mention a moment ago of an old English cottage. Let that be the theme of a few observations concerning the preservation of the English countryside. It is apparent from what we read that a very valuable work, on limited funds, is being done in this connexion by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and by the Society of Arts. Under the Regional Planning Act and the Housing Act of 1926, also, much is being done to add to the comforts and amenities of life in the country. But according to *The Countryman*, a quarterly non-party review devoted to rural interests, there is a great deal of nonsense being talked about cottages which are "picturesque" in summer and fetid in winter by persons of the type of mind who, until Joseph Pennell and Sir Charles Holmes showed it to them, never saw the beauty in modern cities. We are told that what is wrong with the people who, lacking knowledge and imagination, babble about old cottages, is that they have not to live in them. Details are then given of some of the typical cottages to be found in a Cotswold village, and the point is stressed that a dwelling which conformed in its lighting, its air contents, and its sanitation to the nation's needs and desires of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, does not conform, and merely by dilettante tinkering, cannot be made to conform to the hygienic requirements of men and women and children of to-day.

DAY BY DAY.

EVERY GREAT BOOK IS AN ACTION,
AND EVERY GREAT ACTION IS A BOOK.
—Luther.

A Chinese case of puerperal fever was notified yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Shanghai, is due here at 5 a.m. on Friday.

The P. and O. s.s. Delta, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 16th July at 7 a.m.

A fitter employed on a new ship at the Kowloon Dock yesterday had the fingers of his right hand crushed, through being caught in an air-pump. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Tang Shing, assistant manager of a carpenter's shop at 17, Stanley Street, has reported to the police that the manager, who is also a partner of the shop, is missing, after collecting, it is alleged, a sum of \$200 on behalf of the shop.

Private John Naismith (23), of the 2nd Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, was yesterday arrested in town by the police and handed over to the military authorities. Naismith is to be charged with desertion from the Battalion.

A thief entered a room occupied by C.S.M. Johnstone, "A" Company, King's Own Scottish Borderers, at Victoria Barracks, the night before last, and stole two watches, a gold chain, and some money. In a report to the police, the victim placed his loss at \$64.

BRIDGE MADE EASY

by
W.W. Wenworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

Reading Cards—1.

Of all the pleasures afforded by bridge, none is more exhilarating than the ability to read the cards held by your partner and your opponents—to see in your mind's eye the unseen—to divine by the process of reasoning what tricks they may win. Their holdings may be ascertained from their bids, leads and signals. If they bid and play conventionally, the task is all the lighter.

From the moment the bidding begins, you should endeavour to visualize the cards held by the other players. A bid, raise, double, or pass should convey definite information to you. Then, when you play your hand, you should utilize this information. It should assist you in determining the location of the high cards and counsel you in your finessing.

If in playing your hand you do not take advantage of what you have learned during the bidding, you will lose many games which could be won. When you are on the defensive, the bidding should mark the location of high cards to be taken at the first opportunity so as to prevent your opponents from framing.

Assume that your partner has bid one heart initially and you hold these four hearts, A K Q X. You can readily mirror your partner's hand. Obviously, he holds a heart suit of five cards headed by the Jack-10. If he is bidding correctly, he holds three outside quick tricks which are probably divided between two suits. Since he has not bid a trump, he probably holds a singleton in spades or diamonds. You may therefore mirror your partner's hand as the following, or its equivalent:

Spades, X; heart, J 10 XXX; diamonds, A XX; clubs, A K XX.

The blunt question to be faced is whether cottages are to be homes for healthy, hopeful human beings, or to be "pretty-pretty" for people who are themselves careful to live in dry, well ventilated, well-lighted houses. As Bacon said, houses are to live in, not to look on. "Let us preserve," says *The Countryman*, "every bit of old beauty religiously, but let us recognize that some old cottages, unless they can be rebuilt, have earned a rest and may well become village museums or road material."

KOWLOON VEGETABLE STORAGE.

NEW MARKETS ARE TO BE ERECTED.

Following discussions with the Deputy Superintendent of Police and the head of the Sanitary Department regarding the storing of vegetables at the wholesale market in Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Mr. H. S. Loseby, on behalf of four stallholders, pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to a charge of obstruction.

Mr. Loseby pointed out the importance of this market which was the only outlet on the mainland for vegetables. As the result of the conversations with the police and sanitary officials, the stallholders were permitted to use the vacant piece of ground at the rear of their stalls for storing their vegetables instead of utilising the roadway, as they had been doing for the past several years.

It was mentioned at a previous hearing that the Government intended to erect wholesale and retail markets in the vicinity and had instructed that the area be entirely cleared by the end of the year.

His Worship imposed a nominal fine of \$2 on each defendant.

MORE WASTAGE OF WATER.

CHINESE BOY WHO OPENED A HYDRANT.

In charging a Chinese boy with wasting water, before Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg to-day, a Chinese constable said he saw the defendant open a fire hydrant at Stanley Street and let loose a flood of water.

Immediately there rushed to the spot a large number of people who proceeded to wash their clothing and in other ways made the most of the opportunity.

The witness significantly added that the defendant was able afterwards to close the hydrant thereby revealing an intimate knowledge of the working of the hydrant. A fine of \$10, or 14 days, was inflicted.

RELIEF CREWS FOR NAVY.

THREE CRUISERS COMING OUT SHORTLY.

Three cruisers, H.M. ships Concord, Cleopatra and Cambrian, will leave England shortly with relief crews for the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla, which is now on service with the China Squadron.

The cruisers will arrive in Hongkong about the end of September.

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

	July 15	July 16
Shiuhing	22.0	21.7
Taiynguen	8.9	8.3
Samahui	13.3	
Sheklung	6.9	6.2

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are now in port:
Basin.—H.M.S. Tamar and Submarines L15 and L19.
North Arm.—H.M.S. Sirdar and H.M.S. Stormcloud and H.M.S. H.M.S. Somme.
West Wall.—H.M.S. Castor.
In Dock.—H.M.S. Sterling, Cicala.
Foreign.—U.S.S. Chaumont, U.S.S. Guan, U.S.S. Mindanao, French gunboat Argus and Chinese gunboat Ching Shan.

Passengers leaving yesterday on the President Taft included Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Constant and family, returning to the United States, where Mr. Constant is connected with the Standard Oil Co. of New York; Captain and Mrs. C. W. Saunders, returning to the U. S. from a tour of the Pacific; Mrs. M. Melrose, missionary worker returning to the U. S. on vacation, accompanied by her two grandchildren; Rev. Edward Hughes, connected with the American Dominican Fathers, in Foochow, returning to the U. S.; Rev. Brother Jordan Warnock, also connected with the American Dominican Fathers in Foochow, travelling to Shanghai; Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs, missionary workers travelling to the U. S. Rev. Snuggs is connected with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Very Idea!

"What poets want is the dead cat thrown by a dissatisfied member of the audience," said Mr. John Masfield recently, when giving a reading of his poems at Oxford. "To-day we lack the inestimable advantage of direct criticism," he added. "The poets of the last 100 years all felt that they were not wanted by their generation, and it is the same to-day."

Poetry has ceased to be an overwhelming delight. Only a few people can afford books or have the leisure to enjoy them."

Come into the garden, Maud.
The spade's up on the shelf—
Do you think I'll dig, you fraud,
The whole darn thing myself?

He was undoubtedly a very naughty little boy, and although his mother had put plenty of texts in his bedroom, he still kept on his boyish escapades, which necessitated a frequent use of the cane.

"Ma," he said, after a more severe thrashing than usual, "don't you think you might move the cane from behind 'Love One Another' and put it at the back of 'I Need Thee Every Hour'?"

Rev. P. B. Clayton, vicar of All Hallows church, London, has constructed a miniature statue, worked by electricity, of a bishop blessing a negro. The model moves its lips, the eyes move heavenward, and the face of the negro takes on a look of extreme joyfulness as the Bishop blesses him.

(A new Men's Dress Reform Party says that "the ideal dress for men is an open-neck shirt and a pair of shorts.")

The dawn of Hope appears,
For tyranny is doomed;
We men in our respective spheres
Shall be adjudged well-groomed
If merely throwing on our dress
With studied carelessness.
Our trousers will be cut
And stockings will be shown;
The door of Comfort will be shut
No more to men alone.
John Bull, not doing things by halves,
May even show his calves.
And, greatest boon of all,
The stud will disappear.
Not from an accidental fall—
'Twill be no longer here,
And raging men will not rehearse
Their matutinal curse.

From the bedroom of the twin boys came the mingled sounds of loud weeping and hearty laughter, so father went up to investigate. "What's the matter up there?" he inquired.
The joyous twin indicated his weeping brother. "Nothing," he chuckled; "only nurse has given Alexander two baths and hasn't given me any."

Elderly man at Bow—Motorists made old men nimble where otherwise they would not be.
Man at Willenden—Anyhow, the longer I am out of work the more there is for someone else.

Nottingham solicitor—Do you know the cross-roads? Man—Yes, I live there looking for work.
Barrister at Middlesex Sessions, to a schoolgirl witness—We all make mistakes. I do nothing else.
East Ham landlord, speaking of his lodger—We should agree quite well if he would change his politics.

Clerk at Feltham—You know that your wife is applying for a separation order? Husband—Oh, yes. Just like her. All ask and no give.

One bright morning Mr. Brown happened to glance over the garden wall, and he almost fainted when he saw what was taking place.

"Hi!" he shouted to his neighbour, "what are you burying in that hole?"
"Oh!" came the bland reply. "I'm just replanting some of my seeds."

"Replanting some of your seeds?" screamed Mr. Brown. "It looks more like one of my hens." "It is," said the neighbour cheerfully, "and the seeds are inside."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, July 16.

Paris	123.875
Brussels	124.91
Amsterdam	120.74
Berlin	20.355
Copenhagen	18.205
Prague	163%
Hungary	108%
Vienna	108%
Bucharest	47 7/32
Buenos Aires	2 1/4
Shanghai	1/10 21/32
Yokohama	4.85 1/32
New York	25.22
Geneva	92.745
Milan	18.595
Stockholm	18.595
Oslo	34.48
Vienna	37.5
Madrid	37.5
Athens	37.5
Rio	1/5 25/32
Bombay	1/11 1/2
Hongkong	24 5/10
Silver Spot	24%
Silver Forward	24%

—British Wireless.

BIG DEFALCATIONS ALLEGED.**FORMER COMPANY DIRECTOR ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.****ACCUSED IN COURT.**

Charges of defalcations amounting to over \$12,000 were today mentioned at the Central Police Court in the case against Wong Cho-on, formerly a director and secretary-treasurer of the Kwong Ah Company, of No. 6, Wing Lok Street.

For the prosecution, Mr. D. L. Strellett said the Company was incorporated in December, 1926, and took over the assets of the private partnership of which defendant was Managing Partner.

Subsequently, defendant became Director, Secretary, and Treasurer of the new company, which then became a public company. Subscriptions were taken from Chinese resident in Tahiti, where there was also established a local Board.

Since the formation of the public company, defendant had been in sole charge of the cash receipts and books of the firm, which, in addition to undertaking banking business, as, for example, the remittance of monies to the country, was also engaged in the imports and exports business, mostly in provisions.

Confused Accounts.

In 1928, the then General Manager of the Company, a man named Liu Wing-yuk, asked the Board at Tahiti to be relieved of his position. A man, named So Fat, was then sent out from Tahiti to take over the General Managership here, but before he would do so, he demanded an investigation of the accounts. The first investigation carried out divulged a confusion in the books.

On April 5, it became evident to the new General Manager and the retiring General Manager that there were considerable defalcations, and, accordingly, on the 6th, the books and control of the cash were taken away from the defendant, whose task then became one of explaining to the two officials certain items missing from the books. He was permitted from memory to balance the cash. He had also brought in certain small sums during the process.

Arrested on Ship.

At the beginning of May it became evident that the defendant could not balance, and on the 18th of that month he disappeared. At the beginning of July of this year, he was arrested on board the M.M. Porikos, which had come in from Singapore, and charged before the Court.

At the time of the issuance of the warrant for his arrest, there was a sum of \$25,000 unaccounted for, but since then the amount had been varied, and on April 6 of this year, the figures stood at \$10,468 as representing the deficit shown in the cash books, in addition to \$6,443.13 which accused alleged actually to have embezzled. It was shown that the defendant, a careless bookkeeper, had on some occasions debited himself twice, while on other occasions he had forgotten to credit himself with other amounts turned in by him. The charges, including other amounts, had now been amended to accord with a total of \$18,951.

Mr. Hamilton enquired if Mr. Strellett was asking for a commitment.

Mr. Strellett replied that there was a doubt as to whether the Magistrate was bound to commit. If he was not so bound, then Mr. Strellett would ask for the defendant to be dealt with summarily.

The case was formally remanded for a week. Mr. D. H. Blake is appearing for the defence.

\$3,000 JEWEL ROBBERY.**HATTON GARDEN SAFE RAIDED.**

London, June 17. Jewellery and precious stones valued at about £3,000 have been stolen from a Hatton Garden safe. The robbery took place on Saturday evening, and yesterday Divisional Detective Inspector Steel and other officers were investigating the affair.

The scene of the theft was Charles-street, at a block of offices, one of which is occupied by Mr. Solomon Zwaif, a diamond mounter. For the convenience of the tenants the main door of the block is left open, and the thieves appear to have entered in the early evening.

The door of Mr. Zwaif's office—on the first floor—as well as the door of the safe was opened by skeleton keys, and detectives yesterday unsuccessfully examined the rooms for clues. Until Mr. Zwaif takes stock to-day he is unable to give a correct estimate of the loss, for he states that he had possession of property of others in the trade.

HEADING FOR WAR?

(Continued from Page 1.)

their activities against Soviet institutions.

Nanking Foreign Minister.

Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nanking Foreign Minister, is reported at Dairen. He will, it is understood, return to Nanking on Thursday. It is stated in Chinese circles that his absence from the Nationalist Capital has made a settlement with the Soviet Republic more difficult.

It is a curious fact that since the cropping up of the Sino-Russian dispute, Dr. C. T. Wang has not made a single statement on the matter.

When the Russian ultimatum arrived it was delivered to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is understood that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek on the following morning wired requesting the immediate return of the Foreign Minister. It is hinted that Dr. Wang may not be in agreement with the Manchurian policy.

Direct Negotiations.

In some quarters in Nanking it is believed that the Soviet Government will refuse the mediation of a third party in the negotiations with the Nanking Government. The preference of direct negotiation is a precaution against foreign intervention which may take advantage of opportunities offered.

Agitation and plotting by Soviet sympathisers in Shanghai has resulted in the maintenance of vigilance by the Garrison Troops, who have arrested a large number of "Red" suspects in the past few days.

Chiang Receives Ultimatum.

Nanking, July 16.

The Soviet ultimatum was presented to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek yesterday.

It is semi-officially reported that 5,000 Chinese troops have reinforced the Eastern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and 10,000 are concentrated at Manchuria where, it is alleged, Soviet troops are digging in across the boundary.—*Reuter*.

Russian Troop Movements.

Harbin, July 16.

A message to the Rengo agency reports secret movements of Soviet troops, including gas and aviation units, towards the Chinese frontier, as a precautionary measure, lest they are obliged to resort to the "other means of protection of lawful rights," mentioned in the ultimatum.—*Reuter*.

Soviet Paper's Comment.

Moscow, July 16.

Commenting on the reports from Shanghai with regard to the situation in Manchuria, the *Izvestia* declares that Chinese quarters in Nanking are attempting to avoid responsibility and minimise the importance of events in connexion with the Chinese Eastern Railway.

"We warn the Chinese military against a continuance of this hazardous game, and remind them that this is the third and last day of the period indicated in the Soviet Note. If the Chinese raiders persist in the provocative policy, and reject the hand stretched out to them by the Soviet Republic, the consequences of their obstinacy will rest with them."—*Reuter*.

Japanese Views.

Tokyo, July 16.

Despite the threatening attitude of both parties, the general belief, as mirrored in the Press, is that neither China nor the Soviet will find it advantageous to resort to arms at present, therefore the attempt to reach an understanding through mutual compromise.

The vernacular papers are intensely interested in the outcome but are unanimous in condemning China's seizure of the railway, which they consider a violation of international practice.

Under the circumstances, the *Asahi* regards the hardening of the Soviet attitude as inevitable and advises China to respect foreign interests lest she be regarded as an aggressor, while the *Nichi Nichi*, characterising the seizure as absolutely illegal, declares that the action is even more deserving of condemnation than the Soviet's alleged Communist propaganda.

The *Jiji*, tracing the cause of the present trouble to the incompleteness of the Russo-Mukden agreement of 1924, hopes for a peaceful outcome, especially as it considers the whole of China's efforts should be devoted to the completion of the task of national unification.

Exodus from Harbin.

Some papers assert that Moscow is contemplating seeking Japanese mediation at the appropriate moment, but the Foreign Office states that no signs of such a request have thus far been observable. It is thought probable that Japan's policy, in the event of future

ON A "FISHING" EXPEDITION?**SOLICITOR'S OBJECTIONS TO A FURTHER REMAND.****G.E.C. CASE DOUBTS.**

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, Wu Lam, Manager of the Lu Wing Company, of 147, Bonham Strand East, was charged by the General Electric Company with receiving stolen goods, namely, electric fittings.

For the complainants, Mr. H. J. Armstrong applied for a remand, stating that the G.E.C. were at present checking and going through their large stock of goods, amounting to over \$100,000 in value.

He mentioned that there was a possibility that some of the goods that defendant had in stock were bought from the G.E.C. in the ordinary course of business. The goods that were suspected were those which defendant was selling below cost price.

For the defence, Mr. M. K. Lo objected against another remand. He pointed out that defendant was arrested as far back as the 10th instant, and had been remanded ever since. Then he was charged with receiving stolen goods, the date of the offence being given as between January 1 and July 9. There was then, at least, a definite charge against the defendant. But now the possibility was indicated that the charge might not be sustained. "In other words," observed Mr. Lo, "the prosecution were on a fishing expedition."

Mr. Lo said he must certainly press for a definite date to be fixed for the hearing of the case.

Mr. Hamilton, in fixing 2.15 p.m. on the 23rd instant for the opening of the case, gave the prosecution another six days to prove its case or otherwise.

developments, will be decided at today's Cabinet conference.

Meanwhile, according to the *Asahi* correspondent at Harbin, in the event of China ignoring the ultimatum, the Soviet proposes to isolate the Chinese Eastern Railway by severing railway connections at both ends. A large exodus of Russians from Harbin and vicinity has already started in anticipation of grave developments.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Cabinet's View.

Tokyo, July 16.

After listening to the War Minister's report on the latest developments in the Chinese Eastern Railway issue, the Cabinet agreed that a solution is likely to be reached without resort to arms, but very close attention to possible developments is necessary.—*Reuter*.

Soviet's Negotiator.

Moscow, July 16.

Mr. Serebriakov, a member of the collegium of the Soviet Commissariat of Communications, has been deputed to conduct the Chinese Eastern Railway negotiations. His passport was handed to the Chinese Embassy on Friday, but a visa has hitherto not been issued, pending instructions from Nanking.—*Reuter*.

Communists demonstrated before the Chinese Consulate here, and smashed all the windows.—*Reuter*.

The *Manchester Guardian* says the Chinese, by their high-handed action over the Chinese Eastern

ROMANCE OF A PRINCESS.**LEGEND RECALLED BY KING FUAD'S VISIT.**

Berlin, June 17.

King Fuad of Egypt's first outing, on the conclusion of his official visit to Berlin, was to Muskau, a small town of no particular importance, on the way to Silesia.

On the outskirts of Muskau is a fine renaissance castle, whose owner is Count Arnim. This castle was built and the great park surrounding it laid out by Prince Hermann von Puckler, an aristocrat of the first half of last century.

During one of his lengthy visits to Egypt Prince Puckler saw a young and beautiful girl called Machbuba, a slave girl. He bought her for £15.

Then he discovered that she was the daughter of an Abyssinian prince who had been defeated in battle, and whose wife and daughter had been sold as slaves.

In 1839 the Prince caught the cholera and Machbuba nursed him with wonderful devotion. They stayed later at Vienna, and the Abyssinian beauty created a great sensation in society.

At Muskau the situation was very difficult. Everybody was in love with Machbuba, but the aristocratic Prussian ladies could not formally receive "a negress" and an "ex-slave." Machbuba died young, of consumption, and the Prince had her buried in Muskau churchyard.

Countryside gossip has had it that Machbuba was related to King Fuad's family, but according to other accounts the beautiful slave was the daughter of poor Abyssinian parents.

DANGEROUS STUFF.**FIRE BRIGADE OFFICE ACTS PROMPTLY.**

The appearance of Mr G. G. Moss, station officer of the Fire Brigade, in Queen Victoria Street yesterday afternoon, caused panic to two men who, were carrying a box. They dropped their load and ran away.

It was discovered that the box contained hydroxide. Considering that it was risky to leave the stuff about, Mr. Moss had it dumped in the harbour. He afterwards made a report of the matter to the police.

Railway, have given warning to all the other Powers that the present Chinese rulers recognise no agreement which is not supported by force.

They have provided an excellent argument for a postponement, even by the most friendly foreign Powers, of any change of the existing system of extraterritoriality.

Nothing they have done in recent years has been better calculated to stiffen the attitude of foreigners who still have privileges and properties in China to defend.

It seems improbable that Russia would speak as firmly as she has done unless she was assured at least of the passive support of Japan, but the *Manchester Guardian* imagines that Japan's influence will be used in favour of a peaceful settlement. British influence should be used immediately in the same direction.—*Reuter*.

JUNK OWNERSHIP DISPUTE.**CLAIMANT SAID TO BE AN IMPOSTER.****NOT THE REAL OWNER.**

A Chinese who claimed to be the owner of a junk was denounced as an imposter in the Summary Court this morning when the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) heard an in interpleader summons. The matter arose out of three promissory note actions brought against Chau Ho.

The plaintiffs and claims were Leung Tai-dai, \$360.80; Wong Sze-koo, \$329.37; and Lo Kwai, \$768.90. The junk has been seized and the point to be decided was who was the owner of the junk and whether the debtor (Chau Ho) was the owner or the charterer.

Mr. J. T. Prior was for the claimant, Chau Yau, and Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for a judgment creditor.

The claimant, who gave his name as Chau Yau and said he was the owner of the junk, said he first heard of the seizure on June 30 last when he was in the country. He bought the junk sometime in October, 1924, from Chau Ping-kan, in Canton, and paid the sum of \$4,250 in Canton 20-cent pieces. The junk first came to Hongkong at about the beginning of October, 1926, when he registered the change of ownership.

Continuing, claimant said that Chau Ho was his younger cousin and he took over the management of the junk on the arrangement that if the profits were big enough he should pay \$20 monthly to claimant.

Claimant denied he had been asked by Chau Ho to represent himself as Chau Yau for a consideration.

Outlining the defence, Mr. Remedios said he would bring evidence to show that the name Chau Yau on the junk licence was the name of Chau Ho's son and not the claimant. Chau Ho was known as Chau Ping-kan and he had difficulties in Canton when his junk was seized by pickets but it was eventually released and came to Hongkong where the name was changed from Chau Ping-kan to Chau Yau, his son.

The claimant, continued Mr. Remedios, was not the real Chau Yau but had been induced to represent himself as such. Evidence would also be called to show that a sister of Chau Yau and Chau Ho was requested by their father and Chau Yau to come to Hongkong and denounce the claimant because the boat and Chau Ho were heavily indebted both in Macao and Hongkong.

Evidence was then called.

TRAWLER IGNORES GUNBOAT'S FIRE.**MASKED SKIPPER KNOCKED DOWN BY JET OF WATER.**

London, June 19.

Extraordinary defiance of a gunboat by a trawler skipper, who wore a mask, was described at Campbeltown, Argyllshire, yesterday when maximum fines, totalling £170, were imposed on William Harrison, master of the Fleetwood steam trawler *Alida*, for illegal fishing in the Firth of Clyde, concealing the name of his ship and refusing to stop when ordered to do so by Captain Scott, commander of H.M. S. *Spey*, engaged on fishery duty.

The nets and gear were ordered to be forfeited.

Harrison pleaded guilty. It was stated that when the gunboat came upon the trawler fishing in prohibited waters the trawler ignored all signals to heave-to, including gunfire. The gunboat's bow was run against her quarter and a lieutenant and two able seamen jumped on board the trawler. They were defied and the gunboat ran alongside and another 13 men went on board. It was only when the officer threatened to take possession of the ship by force that Harrison submitted.

The transference of naval ratings to the trawler was covered with the gunboat's fire hose, and Skipper Harrison, who wore an improvised mask, complained that a jet of water hit him in the face and knocked him on his back.

Jack Weyman, of Fleetwood, a hand on the trawler, was fined £2 for assaulting an able seaman of the boarding party.

DOG ATTACKS WOMEN.**LASSED IN SUBWAY AND DESTROYED.**

When a large white bull terrier which was being taken for a walk by its owner was worried by other dogs, at Streatham, recently, it broke away, bit three women, and mauled a child.

The dog rushed down a subway under the Southern Railway near Eardleyroad, Streatham, snarling wildly.

It was caught by a man who drew a rope round its neck, and was taken to the police station. Later it was destroyed.

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TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND WINS BY FIVE WICKETS.

London, July 16. When play was resumed to-day, South Africa proceeded to make a great recovery. The weather was fine and hot and the wicket showed signs of wear.

Owen Smith, who was not out with 27 to his credit, was accompanied to the wickets by Quinn. They proceeded to put a very different complexion on the game. Quinn left most of the run-getting to Owen Smith, who quickly settled down and proceeded to score all round the wicket. Despite repeated bowling changes, the two remained together. Quinn was the first to go, stumped by Duckworth off White for an invaluable 22 runs.

Van der Merwe did not last long. In playing forward to Freeman, he was smartly stumped by Duckworth for a single. Owen Smith found another good partner in Bell, who defended stubbornly. Owen Smith scored at a fast rate all round the wicket. White rang the bowling changes without effect. Owen Smith was loudly applauded on reaching his century. He went on to score 129 before he was caught by Sutcliffe off the bowling of Woolley. It was a great display of courageous hitting and he received a great ovation on returning to the pavilion. Bell was 20 not out. The innings realised 275, no less than 180 having been added in the morning for the loss of three wickets. Freeman, Woolley and White secured three wickets each. Larwood did not bowl throughout the innings.

A Bad Start.

Requiring 184 runs to win, England had a bad half hour before lunch, losing two good wickets with only 20 on the board. Sutcliffe was out for four whilst Hammond was caught and bowled by Morkel before he had opened his account. Bowley and Woolley remained together until tea time, the former then being 10 not out and the latter six.

England's Victory.

On the resumption, it was soon apparent that England would win. Though Bowley succumbed when he had compiled 46, Woolley was holding his own, and scoring easily.

Then came a shock, when Hendren was dismissed for 1, and Leyland for a "duck," but Tate helped Woolley to knock off the remaining runs required, and with the latter just five short of a century, the innings closed shortly after four o'clock, England winning by five wickets. Detailed scores:

South Africa—1st Innings.				
R. H. Catterall, b Freeman	74	0	0	0
I. J. Siedle, b Larwood	0	22	0	0
B. Mitchell, b Tate	0	0	0	0
D. P. Morkel, st. Duckworth, b Freeman	17	0	0	0
Duminy, b Freeman	20	0	0	0
H. G. Deane, c Duckworth, b Tate	0	0	0	0
H. G. Owen-Smith, c Hammond, b Freeman	0	0	0	0
C. L. Vincent, b Freeman	0	0	0	0
N. A. Quinn, c Leyland, b Freeman	5	0	0	0
E. A. Van der Merwe, c Hammond, b Freeman	10	0	0	0
A. J. Bell, not out	2	0	0	0
Extras	0	0	0	0
Total	236			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	17	4	35	1
Tate	26	8	40	2
Freeman	32.3	6	115	7
Hammond	8	2	13	0
White	17	6	24	0

England—1st Innings.				
H. Sutcliffe, c Mitchell, b Quinn	37	0	0	0
E. H. Bowley, c Bell, b Quinn	31	0	0	0
W. R. Hammond, c Van der Merwe, b Quinn	05	0	0	0
G. Duckworth, b Bell	21	0	0	0
F. Woolley, b Vincent	83	0	0	0
E. Hendren, c Van der Merwe, b Quinn	0	0	0	0
M. Leyland, c Duminy, b Quinn	45	0	0	0
M. W. Tate, c Owen-Smith, b Vincent	3	0	0	0
J. C. White, not out	20	0	0	0
H. Larwood, c Deane, b Mitchell	0	0	0	0
A. P. Freeman, b Quinn	15	0	0	0
Extras	8	0	0	0
Total	328			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Morkel	10	5	41	1
Bell	14	5	58	1
Quinn	23.5	5	92	6
Vincent	30	5	76	2
Owen-Smith	2	7	8	0
Mitchell	13	1	46	1
R. H. Catterall, b Tate	10	0	0	0
I. J. Siedle, c White, b Freeman	14	0	0	0
B. Mitchell, b White	24	0	0	0
D. P. Morkel, b Freeman	14	0	0	0
Duminy, b Woolley	12	0	0	0
H. G. Deane, b White	4	0	0	0
H. G. Owen-Smith, c Sutcliffe, b Woolley	12.9	0	0	0
C. L. Vincent, b Woolley	0	0	0	0
N. A. Quinn, st. Duckworth, b White	28	0	0	0
E. A. Van der Merwe, st. Duckworth, b White	1	0	0	0
A. J. Bell, not out	20	0	0	0
Extras	18	0	0	0
Total	275			

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	26	6	50	1
Hammond	7	1	10	0
White	23	7	40	3
Freeman	35	7	92	3
Bowley	4	1	7	0
Woolley	13.1	3	35	2
Leyland	3	1	19	0

England—2nd Innings.				
H. Sutcliffe, c Owen Smith, b Morkel	4	0	0	0
W. R. Hammond, c b Morkel	0	0	0	0
E. H. Bowley, c Mitchell, b Vincent	40	0	0	0
P. Woolley, not out	05	0	0	0
E. Hendren, c Owen-Smith, b Vincent	6	0	0	0
M. Leyland, b Vincent	0	0	0	0

£2,200 DAMAGES FOR KICK BY MARE.

NEWMARKET TRAINERS' CAREER AFFECTED.

Mr. Sydney Mercer, the Newmarket trainer and cross-country rider, was awarded £2,200 damages in the King's Bench Division recently.

He was kicked and injured by a horse which he took into his stables; and he alleged that Mr. E. G. Langford, an Epsom veterinary surgeon, warranted the horse not a kicker and free from vice. This Mr. Langford denied.

Counsel for Mr. Mercer said that as a result of the injuries Mr. Mercer would not be able to school horses for jumping or to ride in point-to-point races.

Miss Sylvia Marcus, a guest at Mr. Langford's house when Mr. Mercer came to tea, said that she heard Mr. Langford say that the mare was "quite a nice ride," but that he had no idea whether she had been in harness.

Do You Charleston? Mr. Mercer asked if she could do the Charleston.

Mr. Thorn Drury said that he did not hear the answer, and Mr. Justice Swift remarked: "Nobody supposes you are ignorant of what the Charleston is." (Laughter).

The jury found that the mare was a kicker and that Mr. Langford knew she was a dangerous animal.

PEBBLES FOR GEMS.

MYSTERY OF £25,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS.

A secret inquiry has been held by the chief magistrate in Johannesburg into the disappearance, somewhere between Lorenzo Marques (Portuguese E. Africa) and Amsterdam, of a parcel of diamonds valued at £25,000.

When the parcel was unsealed at Amsterdam, it was found that the diamonds had been replaced by pebbles.

Owners of the diamonds are now claiming £25,000 from insurance companies.

Mr. Simon Blankstein, in an affidavit, stated that he bought the diamonds unregistered, and handed them to his agent, who posted them at Lorenzo Marques.

He added that a parcel of precious stones worth £24,000, sent to Amsterdam last December, had arrived safely.

M. W. Tate, not out	24
Extras	12
Total (for 5 wks.)	180

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Quinn	17	2	45	2
Morkel	14	1	43	0
Vincent	19	0	7	3
Bell	2	12	0	0
Mitchell	0.4	0	6	0

—Reuter.

REAL CRICKET AT BLACKHEATH.

(Continued from Page 1.)

feature of the Leicester Innings, though Armstrong reached three figures (102) before his wicket was taken.

In the closing stages Lancashire drew level as far as runs were concerned but the 73 runs cost them four wickets.

AN ESSEX VICTORY.

Northants Give Wretched Batting Display.

Essex defeated Northants by 252 runs at Leyton, the visitors giving a wretched batting display in both innings.

Essex made 315 in their first innings (Thomas taking 5 wickets for 71 runs). They dismissed Northants for 131, but did not enforce the follow-on, batting again and scoring 249 for 5 wickets (declared).

Northants, set the task of scoring 434 runs to win, achieved a total of 181.

MIDDLESEX BEATEN.

R. E. S. Wyatt Well to the Fore.

Middlesex were defeated by two wickets at Birmingham, Warwickshire pulling the game round in fine style after being in arrears on the first innings.

Middlesex made 297 on batting first, and dismissed Warwickshire for 277. R. E. S. Wyatt gave another attractive display, hitting 125.

In their second innings, Middlesex got into difficulties and were disposed of for 204.

Warwick secured the 226 runs needed for victory at a cost of eight wickets.

GLOUCESTER ON TOP.

Seven Wickets Win Over Worcester.

Gloucester consolidated their position at the head of the championship table—none of the next eight succeeded in winning—by a seven wickets victory over Worcestershire at Worcester. During the early stages, an upset seemed possible, the home county gaining a lead of 41 on the first innings. Gloucester, however, demonstrated their batting strength, even in the absence of Hammond, in their second innings.

Worcester made 219 (Gibbons, 101 not out) and Gloucester were sent back for 178. Batting a second time, Worcester made 206 (Barnett, 5 for 63) leaving the visitors to score 243 to win. They were secured for the loss of only three wickets, the winning stroke being a hit to the boundary, bringing the total to 251.

YORKSHIRE'S TOTAL.

Valueless Effort Against Notts.

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

It was 6 o'clock when Nan Morgan, in a temper of unreasoning fury and fear, locked her doors against any attempt her husband might make to bring to her his love of despair and newly revived love of his first wife.

"She shan't haunt this room, too, as she does every other room in the house," Nan sobbed. She was trembling with the fury of her own determination, but her ears betrayed her by straining to catch the faintest sound which would indicate that he was trying to come to her. After many minutes she heard him open his door. Breathlessly she waited, savagely eager to have him turn the knob of her door and find it locked.

She herself was suffering so terribly that it gave her a fierce, perverse pleasure to think of his being hurt, too. Kneeling down before that woman who had never loved him and who had despised him! Nan clenched her hands as her eyes stared at the door-knob. Going to the hospital twice in one day to see her, when she wasn't really sick at all, but just shamming to win his sympathy! He'd always been wax in Iris's hands. Well, let him be hurt now! It would serve him right. She had been hurt enough, God knew! But her straining eyes told Nan that he had not touched the knob of her door.

She heard water running, faint, familiar sounds which told her he was getting out his shaving things. She could see every step of the process as if she were in the bathroom beside him. The way he stretched his upper lip in a comical grimace; the brooding gravity in his deepest black eyes, which saw a thing funny in the facial contortions a man makes when he shaves himself. The infinite care with which he circled the safety razor about the little brown mole on his right cheek. Oh! Nan caught her breath in agony. It was terrible to love a man so much. Only this morning she had stood close beside him as he shaved, so close that his elbow jogged her ribs and made her double up in a childish fit of giggling. And now—

She waited until she heard him re-enter his own room, then with a great effort, Nan went about her own dressing for dinner. The amber chignon. He liked it, but why try to please him now? He wouldn't notice what she had on. His eyes would be fixed on a vision of Iris, lying in appealing helplessness upon a hospital bed, her fragility clothed in an exquisitely coloured, subtly scented negligee.

Even as her hairbrush gave furious punctuation to her defiance, Nan knew deep down in her heart that if John Curtis Morgan wanted her to relinquish his first wife, she would do so. He would be the last word of appeal. If he decided against her, there would be no fight left in her.

She did not descend the stairs until she had heard her husband go down, slowly, like an old man. It was their custom to assemble in the drawing room, there to wait for Estelle's summons to the dining room. It took all her courage to cross the threshold, and so strong had been her premonition of what she would find when she did so that she felt no surprise, only an overwhelming despair.

John Curtis Morgan and his son stood before the fireplace, looking absurdly like each other, in spite of the difference in their sizes. Consciously or unconsciously, Curtis had duplicated his father's pose—feet planted wide apart, hands thrust into trousers pockets, shoulders hunched, head lowered, but eyes raised to Iris Morgan's breath-takingly beautiful portrait. How closely kin those two were! Father and son, by virtue of the woman at whose picture they gazed.

Nan was powerless to move toward them. She was an interloper. It would be indecent to intrude upon their tragic brooding. All right, giving out of her for the moment, melting into a nameless self-hatred. If she had not "warmed her way" into John Curtis Morgan's home, into his grief, into the affections of his son, so that marriage with her had come to seem inevitable, he and the child would have been free to welcome Iris home. What did it matter that they had been better off without her? If they preferred sickness to health, misery to peace, Iris to Nan, why shouldn't they have them? People never thanked you for doing things for their good.

"Oh, excuse me, Mrs. Morgan, I didn't know you was there," Estelle apologized as she almost bumped into the frozen little figure in the doorway. "Dinner is served, ma'am."

The two before the fireplace started the man guiltily. The 7-year-old boy stared at Nan as if he had never seen her before, a

strange hostility in his liquid black eyes. There was a deep flush on his cheeks, Nan's heart contracted sharply with anxiety. Did he have a fever? Why was he staring at her like that? Had Iris already begun to poison the child against her? But why ask? She had known Iris was going to fight her with every weapon she could lay hands on, and of course the child would be the most potent, next to the terrible appeal which she had always made to the senses of the man she never loved and had deserted.

"Hello, dear!" her husband greeted her constrainedly, as he came forward to take her arm. "Sorry, I couldn't meet you for lunch."

"How did the trial progress? Any jurors chosen?" Nan asked, with apparently cheerful casualness.

"We went to the hospital to see my mother," Curtis cut in, in his voice sounding oddly mature and childishly belligerent. "She—"

"Nan asked me a question, son," the father reproved him sternly, but laid a hand on the boy's shoulder. "Haven't you seen the afternoon paper, Nan? The trial is adjourned until January 9."

No need now to pretend interest. Nan cried. "Adjourned? Why? What happened? You don't mean Brainerd wasn't ready? Or do you suppose he'd got wind of what we were going to spring?"

"My dear," her husband said, "I mean Brainerd was obviously grateful for my interest and for a chance to think and talk of something else besides the amazing return of his divorced wife. He drew out a chair for Nan with his usual meticulous politeness, as he answered:

"Oh, no, nothing like that. We were impeding the jury, had agreed a four men, when about 3 o'clock this afternoon Brainerd got word that his star witness, the butler, Edgar, had been stricken with acute appendicitis and rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. He's in pretty bad shape, I understand. Naturally the trial couldn't proceed without him, and Judge Bunce granted an adjournment until the old man is in a condition to be brought to the courtroom. If he survives."

"Good heavens!" Nan said slowly. "It will be more of a blow for us if the poor old man dies than for the prosecution."

"True," Morgan agreed. "But still we have the goods on Nina Blackhall, even without the butler's testimony as to her relations with the chauffeur, Bassett. But naturally what he was willing to tell us on cross-examination would have been mighty important. Brainerd, of course, can use Edgar's testimony before the grand jury, as to Blackhall's quarrel with David, the boy's leaving in his car at 2 o'clock in the morning, and the finding of the body. I hope we'll have our chance at him, though."

"Where is he—which hospital?" Nan demanded, as she made a pretence of eating her soup.

"He's at St. Luke's, too, where Mother is," Curtis answered the question. "Father went to talk to the doctor about him while I stayed with Mother." Again, and curious, direct glance of hostility from the black eyes which had been so full of love as late as this morning.

"Yes," Morgan agreed, flushing and lowering his eyes. "They were operating then. No one could say how it would turn out, but a few minutes ago I telephoned the hospital and the poor old man has come out of the ether all right. If there are no serious complications he'll pull through, Dr. Matthews says."

"I'm glad," Nan said in a low voice. "There seemed to be nothing else to add, nothing whatever to talk about."

For Iris was as much a member of that constrained group as if she sat on the vacant fourth side of the table. Nan felt that the insolent blue-green eyes were mocking them all.

"Don't want any spinach and carrots-and-peas," Curtis said suddenly, violently thrusting aside the vegetable dish from which Estelle was about to serve him.

Morgan snapped out of a period of brooding abstraction to frown upon his son. "Eat what's put before you, Curtis," he commanded sternly.

"I won't!" Curtis shouted, the feverish flush deepening alarmingly on the face which had once been so thin and anemic and now was plump with health. "Mother says I don't have to eat things I don't like!" "Sides, she give me all the chocolates I wanted out of that big box you took her. I aren't hungry!"

Morgan seemed glad of the chance to show furious anger. The two who were so alike, and yet so different glared at each other. "Then leave the table!" the father ordered savagely. "And go straight to bed. You know you're not per-



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mitted to eat between meals and that—

The child's howl of rage cut across his father's furious rebuke. "Involuntarily," Nan reached out a hand and laid it soothingly upon Curtis' clenched fist. "Please, John! Let me eat to lose your fat. You don't want to lose your gold star for perfect health, do you? If you aren't hungry, you can skip dessert, but Nan does want you to eat the vegetables."

"Won't eat them!" Curtis screamed, pushing his plate so violently that part of the food spilled upon the immaculate white cloth. "Don't have to do what you tell me to! You ain't got any right to boss me! Mother says—"

"Go to your room!" his father roared, rising and bending over to the child as if his clenched fists longed to strike him. "And stay there till you're ready to apologize to Nan and to promise to obey her implicitly. Do you understand?"

Nan shrank into her chair, every nerve outraged by the scene, the like of which had never taken place in that home since she had become its mistress. Helplessly, she watched the child scramble out of his chair and run howling from the room.

"I'm sorry, Nan," Morgan apologized stiffly, extreme pallor about suddenly taking the place of the flush of anger.

Nan nodded dumbly and the miserable meal progressed in silence. Dishes were brought and removed, their delicious contents secretly touched by either. It came to an end at last and the two who had been so close moved together, but miles apart, toward the drawing room.

For a few minutes they talked constrainedly, unnaturally, about the Blackhall case, then abruptly Morgan introduced the only subject about which either of them could think:

"I—Nan, we'd better face this thing, hadn't we? I've got to talk to you about Iris."

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He said the real object of the attack was unknown to him. On

June 20, he wrote to the trustee concerned saying that he would be

pleased to see him and explain the whole position. This offer was

definitely refused in writing.

Lord Kysant said that in forty years he had never had to ask

stockholders in shipping companies under his chairmanship to

consent "to the writing down of capital."

He understood that besides the circular mentioned earlier state-

ments had for some time been circulating in the city regarding the

possible reconstruction of the Royal Mail Company, which were

absolutely baseless. He had fully dealt with the Company's position

at the recent annual meeting, and there was nothing he could use-

fully add, except that in the past six months of 1929 the results

obtained were better than in 1928.

—Reuter.

YUNNAN FIGHTING.

TERRIBLE HAVOC CAUSED IN YUNNANFU.

Peking, July 16.

Delayed messages from Yunnanfu paint a lurid picture of street

fighting in that city, after which a powder magazine explosion

wrecked large areas of the city, including the French and British

Consulates.

The explosion occurred on July 11. The British Consulate with

most of its contents was entirely demolished. The Consul, Mr.

Kirkie, was injured, but not seriously.

It appears that troops under Generals Ho and Chang invaded

Yunnan from Kweichow and marched on Yunnanfu, where a

weak defending force attempted to beat off the attack. The in-

vasaders got into the city, and there was much fighting in the streets,

followed by the explosion of the powder magazine. There are no

further details yet.—Reuter.

A DIFFICULT NAME.

PUISSE JUDGE EVADES A TONGUE-TWISTER.

"Do you mind if I call it the Dutch Bank? The name is too

difficult for me," said Mr. Justice Wood smilingly in the Summary

Court yesterday afternoon in hearing a claim against the Neder-

landsche Handel-Maatschappij Bank, Queen's Road Central. The

action was brought by the Nam Blind Printing Press, No. 42, Hol-

lywood Road, on whose behalf Mr. Siu Chung-man claimed \$144.30

for printed matter supplied between February and June, this

year.

The plaintiff conducted his own case and Mr. Kwok was for the

bank.

In giving judgment, his Lordship held that the plaintiff was

not entitled to recover against the bank, but he would give judgment

for the plaintiff for \$120, an admitted liability, with no costs.

CHILD LABOUR IN HONGKONG.

MUI TSAI REVELATIONS AT POLICE COURT.

The desire to hear expert

evidence on the conditions of child labour in Hongkong and also the

opinion of the Medical Officer of Health as to whether certain em-

ployment was injurious to the health of a young girl, was ex-

pressed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yester-

day afternoon, when Mr. H. R. Butters brought before his War-

ship for investigation a case under the Female Domestic Ordinance of

1923.

It was given in evidence that the complainant in the case, a

girl of 16 according to Chinese reckoning, had been sent to work

in a factory from 8.30 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following day for a

period of over two months. A witness, called for the defence,

later made the surprising disclosure that the defendant's own

daughter had been subjected to similar treatment and worked

during the same hours.

The defendant, described as a widow residing in Hunghom, was

charged on two counts. She was alleged under Section 6 (1) of the

Female Domestic Ordinance of 1923 to have over-worked or ill-

treated a *mui tsai* aged 16, or subjected her to punishment to which

she (defendant) would not reasonably have subjected her own daughter.

The second charge, under sub-section 2 of the Section accused the

defendant of having failed to provide the girl with sufficient food

and clothing of a reasonable kind.

Mr. Butters, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, conducted the

case for the prosecution, the defendant being unrepresented.

In answer to the charges the defendant said that she had bought

the complainant as a daughter and not as a *mui tsai*. She had not ill-

treated her or over-worked her, while she had given her sufficient

food and clothes.

—Reuter.

WATER STATISTICS.

CONSUMPTION FIGURES FOR LAST WEEK.

In his weekly report the Water Authority states that the total

storage in the island reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 557,

070,000 million gallons, showing an increase of 194.28 million gal-

lons during the past week; the amount collected from streams

being 212.12 million gallons.

The week's consumption totals 26.77 million gallons and is made

up as follows:

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Steamers etc. 3.02

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Kowloon Supply.

The total storage in the main-

land reservoirs on the morning of Monday amounted to 207.31 mil-

lion gallons, showing an increase of 101.79 million gallons during

the past week.

The week's consumption, ex-

cluding supplies to Hongkong is 17.74 million gallons, plus 0.13

from the Tuen Wan Supply, making a total of 17.87 million gallons.

The yield from the Shing Mun

River and streams during the week is 123.50 million gallons.

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on from port to port to the final port

of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged

goods are to be left in the Godowns,

where they will be examined on any

Tuesday and Fridays between the

hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within

the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after

the Goods have left the steamer's

Godown, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 22nd July will

be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must

be presented to the undersigned or or

before the 6th August or they will not

be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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obtained as the goods are landed.

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ject to rent.

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undersigned before the Thursday the

25th July, 1929 or they will not be

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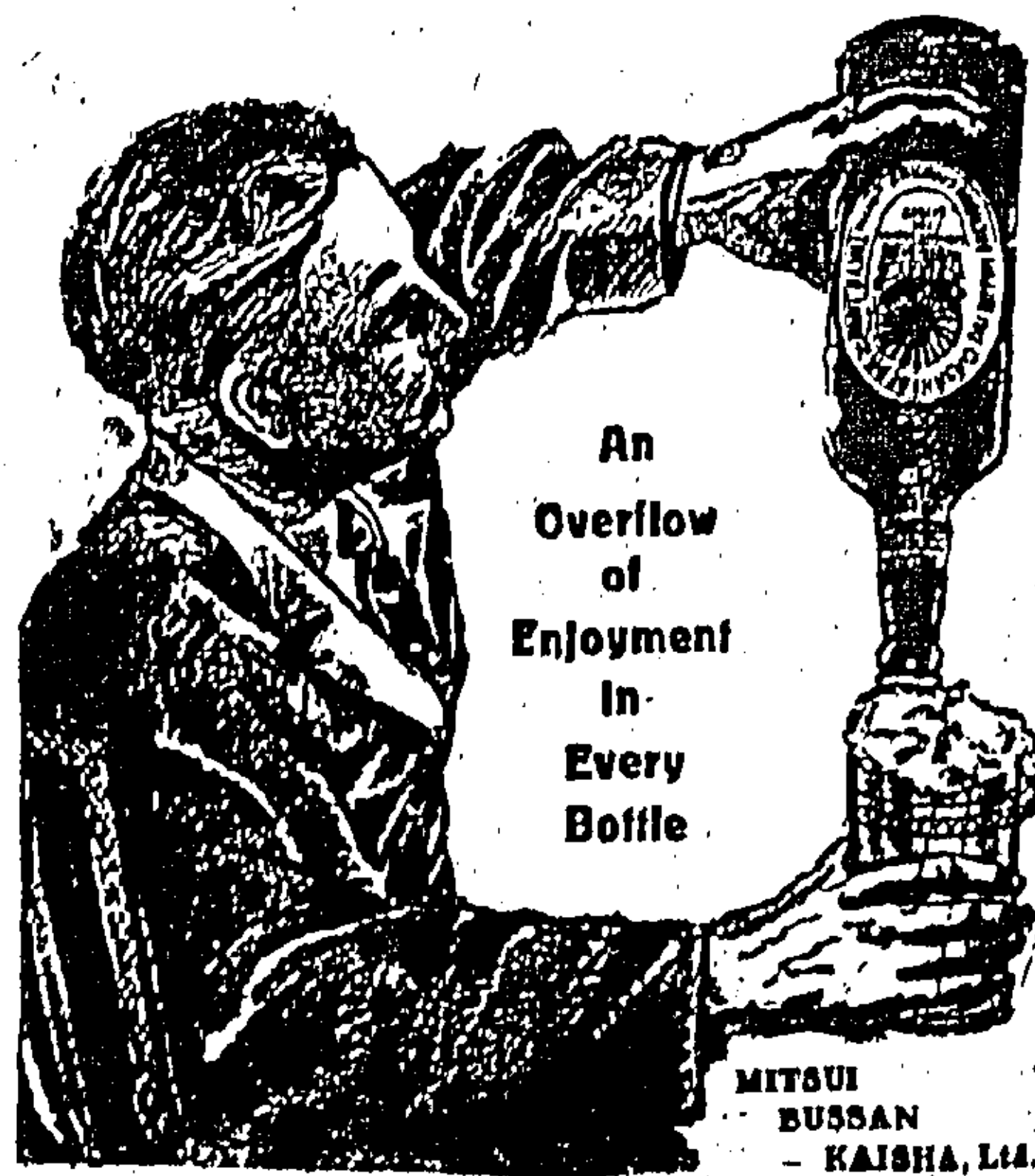
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FRENCH WAR DEBT DEBATE.

M. POINCARÉ'S LONG SPEECH
BROUGHT TO AN END.

WINS THE FIRST ROUND

Paris, July 16.
M. Poincaré to-day finished his
long speech to the Chamber ex-
plaining the Cabinet's reasons for
urging the ratification of the war
debts settlements with Great
Britain and the United States of
America, and pointing out why no
reservations are possible.

The Premier spoke to-day for two
hours, the whole speech, therefore,
occupying eight hours.

To-day he exhorted the Chamber
not to expose itself to provoking
further demands from Great
Britain, but to ratify the agree-
ments as the other Powers had
done.

He concluded, amid an ovation
from the Right and from the
Centre, "Add, if you will, prudent
and frank reservations, and then
empower the Government to go con-
fidently to defend at the forthcom-
ing international conference on re-
parations, the cause of France and
Peace which are inseparable."

M. Poincaré, previously, in ap-
proving the Owen Young Plan, de-
clared that France would refuse to
agree to a further reduction of
Germany's debts to her.

The Chamber then proceeded to
debate the question. A large sec-
tion of the House is believed to
favour making the payments of
debts dependent upon Germany's
reparations payments. This prin-
ciple America would inevitably
reject, and it is hoped that M.
Poincaré's earnest appeal will have
the desired effect. —*Reuter.*

Following the wish of the Gov-
ernment, the Chamber this even-
ing rejected by 304 votes to 230
a motion by M. Dubois for the post-
ponement of ratification of the war
debt agreement. —*Havas.*

KING MAKES GOOD PROGRESS.

NO ILL-EFFECTS FROM
OPERATION.

London, July 16.
A bulletin issued from Bucking-
ham Palace this morning, and
signed by four doctors, stated that
the King had passed a good night
and both the general and local
conditions are satisfactory.

In Court circles, the bulletin is
regarded with considerable satis-
faction, indicating, as it does,
that the King's general health
has not suffered in any way from
the effects of the operation.

The Duke of Connaught this
afternoon said the Royal Family
were very satisfied with His
Majesty's progress. —*British Wire-
less.*

It is officially announced that
His Majesty has had a good day,
and his progress is satisfactory.
—*Reuter.*

MEERUT CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

APPLICATION BY ACCUSED
REFUSED.

Allahabad, July 16.
The Chief Justice, Sir Grimwood
Moore, has dismissed the applica-
tion by the accused in the Meerut
conspiracy case for the transfer of
the trial from Meerut hither.

The applicants pleaded insuffi-
cient and unsuitable accommoda-
tion for their counsel and also
contended that the trial without a
jury was unfair. —*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT & NAVAL QUESTIONS.

COMMONS STATEMENT
EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON.

London, July 17.
It is expected that the Cabinet
will to-day discuss the future of the
Singapore base, and the proposed
modifications in the naval pro-
gramme.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is expect-
ed to make a statement on these
subjects in the House of Commons
later in the afternoon. —*Reuter.*

THE TYPHOON.

The Royal Observatory reports
that pressure remains highest in
the Pacific to the east of Japan and
a depression covers Tongking. The
typhoon is situated about 150
miles north-east of Appari moving
N.W. or N.N.W. The forecast till
noon to-morrow is:—Moderate
north-easterly winds, freshening
later from N. and N.W.; fine gen-
erally.

A Manila warning issued at 10.30
a.m. to-day says the typhoon is in
about 125 Long. and 10 Lat., mov-
ing north.

OVER \$20,000 NOW WANTED.

TO-MORROW'S FINANCE
VOTES.

MORE TINKERING WITH THE
GAOL PREMISES.

A BARRISTER'S PAY.

Four votes, totalling \$20,400, are
to come before the Finance Com-
mittee of the Legislative Council to-
morrow, the biggest being a sum of
\$12,000 to cover the temporary ap-
pointment of a practising barrister
as an assistant to the Attorney
General. The votes are as follows:

\$1,500 for Public Works Extra-
ordinary;—Hongkong, Miscellane-
ous, 54, Additional storey to quar-
ters, cookhouse, Victoria Gaol.

The amount provided in this
year's Estimates is for adding one
storey to the existing cookhouse (a
one storey building). This cook-
house however, is very old, dilapi-
dated, too small, ill ventilated and
has urinals on each side.

It cannot be satisfactorily re-
modelled and it is therefore pro-
posed to demolish it and to con-
struct a new cookhouse with quar-
ters over. The cost will be in-
creased by \$1,500 and a Supple-
mentary Vote for this amount is
cont. d.

The above is to be met from
savings under Sai Ying Pun New
Market.

Attorney General's Assistant.

\$12,000, Attorney General's—Per-
sonal emoluments, Assistant to At-
torney General.

The office of Assistant to the At-
torney General is normally held by
a cadet officer (barrister) and the
pay is charged to Head 2, Cadet
Service. There is no cadet officer
available for this office at present,
and provision has been made by the
temporary appointment of a practis-
ing barrister at \$1,000 per month.

New Typewriters.

\$1,500, Public Works Depart-
ment:—Other charges, special
expenditure, purchase of six type-
writers for W.T. Office.

Provision is made in this year's
Estimates for Six Short Wave Re-
ceivers and they have been ordered
from England.

It will be necessary to obtain six
typewriters for use in conjunction
with the receivers as one machine
is required to cope with the traffic
of each important W.T. service
such as Canton, Swatow, Manila,
etc., or for each group of small ser-
vices (i.e. Yunnanfu, Siam, British
North Borneo, Taihoku.)

King's College.

\$5,400, Education Department:—
Equipment of King's College.

Provision made in Estimates
\$4,100.

This equipment was provided for
in 1928 Estimates. Owing to late
delivery of equipment \$5,938.44 of
sub-head 29 of last year's Estimates
was unspent. A revote of \$5,300 is
now needed as the equipment has
arrived.

SERIOUS REVOLT IN YUNNAN.

TROOPS DRIVEN OUT OF
THE CAPITAL.

Chungking, July 16.

Over a thousand citizens and
troops were wounded and 150 killed
as the result of an explosion at
Yunnanfu last week, when the
troops of a former Yunnan Divi-
sional Commander made a most
desperate attempt to take the city.

The Government troops garri-
soning Yunnanfu were under
General Lung Wan, who supports
Nanking National Government,
while the attacking troops are
under General Wu Yuk-yue, at one
time the First Divisional Comman-
der of Yunnan Province, and
General Chung Yue-chi. The units
of the latter two made a surprise
attack on the City on Saturday
and after a severe battle the Gov-
ernment forces under Lung Wan
were utterly defeated.

Rebels under Wu Yuk-yue are
said to have wired to Szechuen to
General Liu Wan-hua asking for
500,000 rounds of ammunition,
3,000 rifles and \$300,000 so that
they can complete the coup and
occupy the whole Province.

"A Thief in the Dark," present-
ing a combination of players new to
a Hongkong audience, makes a very
acceptable picture at the Queen's
where it is being screened. A
crook story above the average, it
provides thrills and humour, both
being as well threaded together that
there is not a dull moment through-
out the picture. The final screen-
ings are advertised for to-day.

SEVERN BRIDGE ROAD.

BOUND UP WITH LARGER
BARRAGE QUESTION.

MID-SCOTLAND CANAL.

London, July 16.

The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. J. H.
Thomas, replying to questions in
the House of Commons on the
desirability of building a road
bridge over the Severn to serve
South Wales, said it could not be
disassociated from the wider question
of the Severn Barrage, which was
now being studied.

Mr. Thomas also stated that he
regarded the proposal for the con-
struction of a Mid-Scotland canal
capable of carrying the heaviest
shipping as one for inquiry, and
he was looking into it.

The estimated total value of
schemes now before the Unemploy-
ment Grants Committee is about
£5,500,000.

Asked whether he was prepared
to introduce legislation to give
effect to the recommendations of
the Royal Commission on coast
erosion, the President of the Board
of Trade said he hoped to introduce
a Bill on the subject before the sum-
mer recess. —*British Wireless.*

KOWLOON TONG'S "PROTEST."

(Continued from Page 1.)

wards the Government in terms
of the Agreement with the Gov-
ernment?

10. Is it not a fact that up to
the 31st December, 1924, the fol-
lowing aggregate payments had
been made by individual pur-
chasers:—

(a) In respect of Land ..	\$556,925
(b) Buildings—1st Call ..	636,000
2nd Call ..	127,800
3rd Call ..	76,100
	\$1,397,125

Interest being 18.62% .. 21,277
1.2% .. and 2.55% .. respectively,
of the total cost of \$2,990,258 up to
date?

11. If the reply to Question 10
be in the affirmative, what reason
is there for a sum of over three
hundred thousand dollars for land
premium remaining unpaid to the
Government, when the Government
had already been informed that
\$556,925 had been collected from
the subscribers?

12. What steps is the Govern-
ment taking to recover the debt
due to the Company?

Reason for Protest.

13. Is the Government aware of
the fact that, in respect of land
for which the Company contracted
to pay the Government about
\$400,000, the Company is already
and had been for several years in
receipt from the subscribers of
over \$500,000?

14. Is the Government aware
that in the Circular letter referred
to in Question 4 the Kowloon Tong
Company has given notice to all
subscribers calling for the pay-
ment of "a further Call to the
extent of 9 per cent. of the amount
covenanted to be paid by each and
every subscriber in respect of each
and every House on the Estate"
which will make a total of 109 %
of what the Subscribers covenanted
to pay?

15. Has the demand for pay-
ment been made with the knowl-
edge and consent of the Govern-
ment? Did not the Company write
in to the Government subsequent
to 1924 sending a List of Sub-
scribers who have fully paid up
all monies in respect of their prop-
erty under the scheme and calling
upon the Government to issue
Crown Leases for same in terms of
Clause 7, sub-section (a) of the
Agreement?

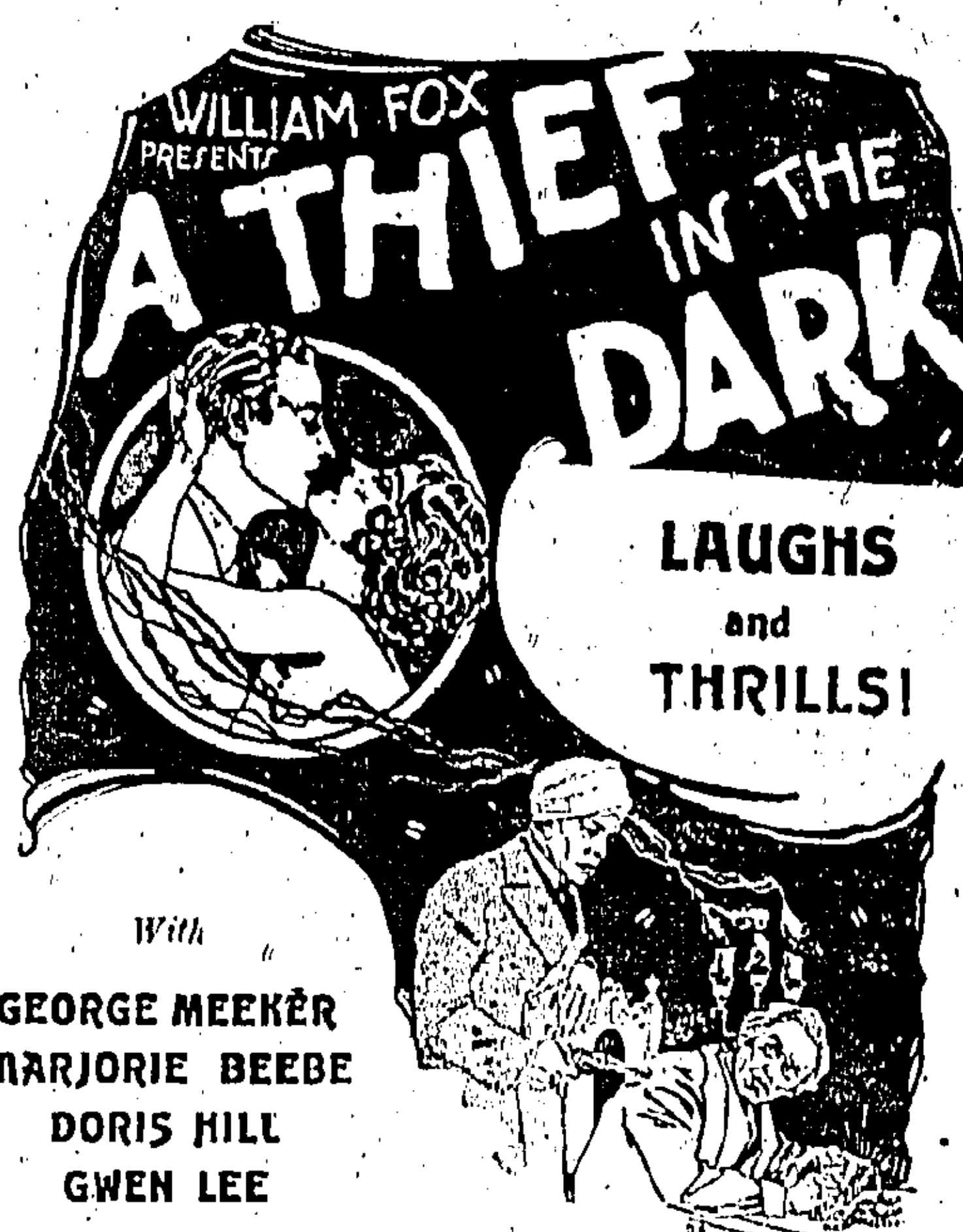
Commission of Inquiry Asked.

16. In a letter to the subscriber
of House No. 111 of the Kowloon
Tong Estate dated 26th January,
1926, the General Manager stated:
—"I can now produce the docu-
mentary evidence to the
Crown Land Agent (sic) and ask
that your Crown Lease be made at
once. The fees therein will be
\$30. If you desire the Company
to secure this Lease for you, I will
make sworn affidavit under the
Agreement, and do so for you."
Will His Excellency the Governor
kindly direct that the text of the
"documentary evidence" referred
to above be laid on the table of
this Council?

17. Will the Government ap-
point a Commission of Enquiry to
investigate into and report on the
Kowloon Tong Scheme?

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